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From the Editor

I suppose you could call this issue of *Wesleyan Magazine* the "Green Edition," save one notable exception — the inauguration of our "Golden" President Ruth Austin Knox.

As you will read in the following pages, this year's graduating class of Green Knights is prominently featured, as well as our beloved Tena Roberts, a 1960 Green Knight. While our newly minted graduates share some of their future plans, we take a brief walk down memory lane with Tena upon her retirement after 40 years of serving Wesleyan so well as a librarian, instructor, and historian/archivist extraordinaire. When I came to work at Wesleyan three years ago, it was only a matter of days before I discovered the source to go to with any question about the history of the college — Tena. Since then I've lost track of the times I have gone to her with questions and she has always come through. She was an absolute lifesaver when two documentary film crews — one from China, the other from Taiwan — came to campus just two months apart. To Tena, it was all old hat. When I asked her recently what we would do now that she's retired, she simply said, "I'm right down the road. Just call me." Thank goodness! At least for the next several months she will actually be occupying an office right down the hall from me as she works on the upcoming inauguration.

As you will discover on pages 4–5, the inauguration of Golden Heart Ruth Austin Knox as Wesleyan's 24th president will take place the first weekend of November. Among the events surrounding this historic occasion — our first alumna to serve as president — will be the unveiling of a marker designating the campus as a national historic district. You can read more about how that came about on pages 10–11.

This issue also includes a well-written editorial by recently retired high school principal and teacher Jackie Richardson '60 (who also just happened to be Tena's Wesleyan roommate) on the value of teachers to our society. You'll find a fascinating first-person account of an exciting journey a group of our students took to El Salvador with Dr. Tommie Sue Montgomery Abrahams '63. Other articles cover our students' study abroad trips, the new Margaret Tarver Gardens, and an update on the *Leap of Faith* campaign. And, of course, you'll also find Class Notes and Alumnae Weekend news.

We hope you enjoy this edition of *Wesleyan Magazine* as much as we enjoy bringing it to you. See you inauguration weekend!

— Cynthia W. Robinson

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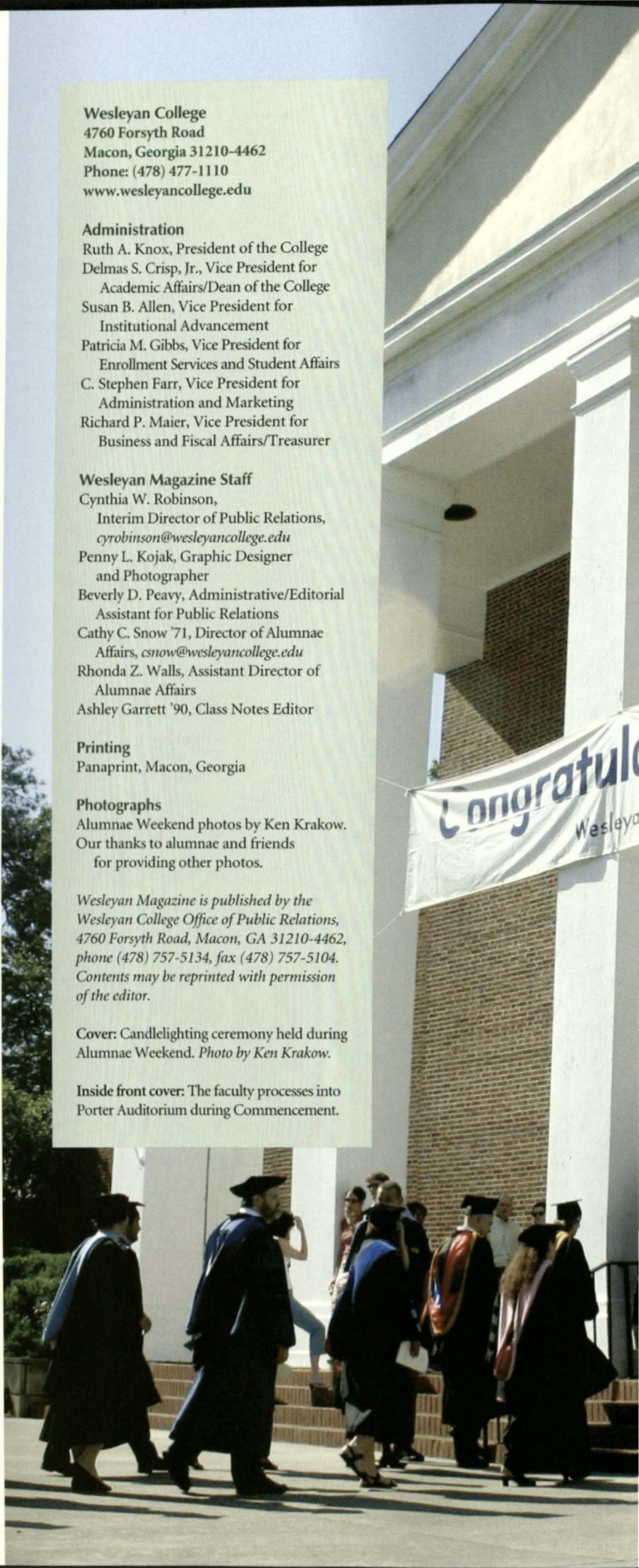
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Porter Auditorium during Commencement.



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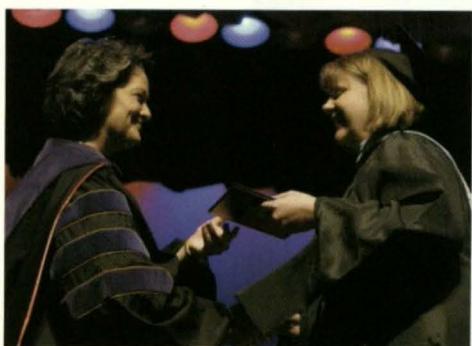
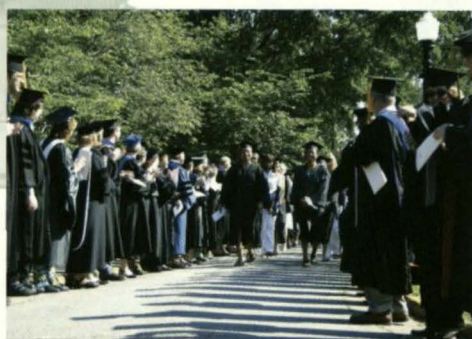
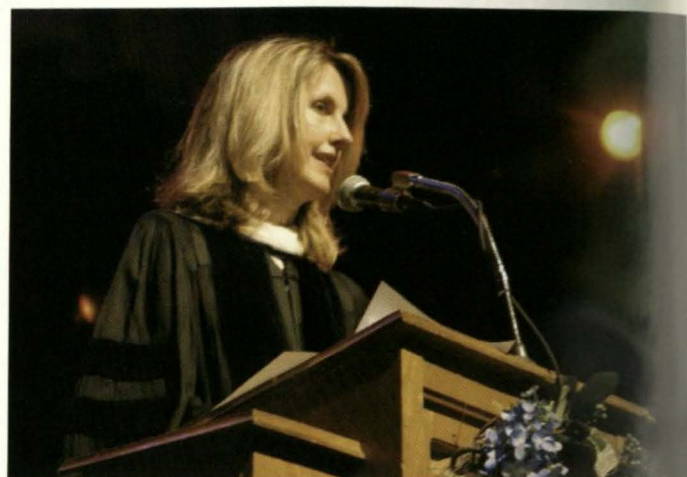
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*Diane McWhorter
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Cognitive Dissonance

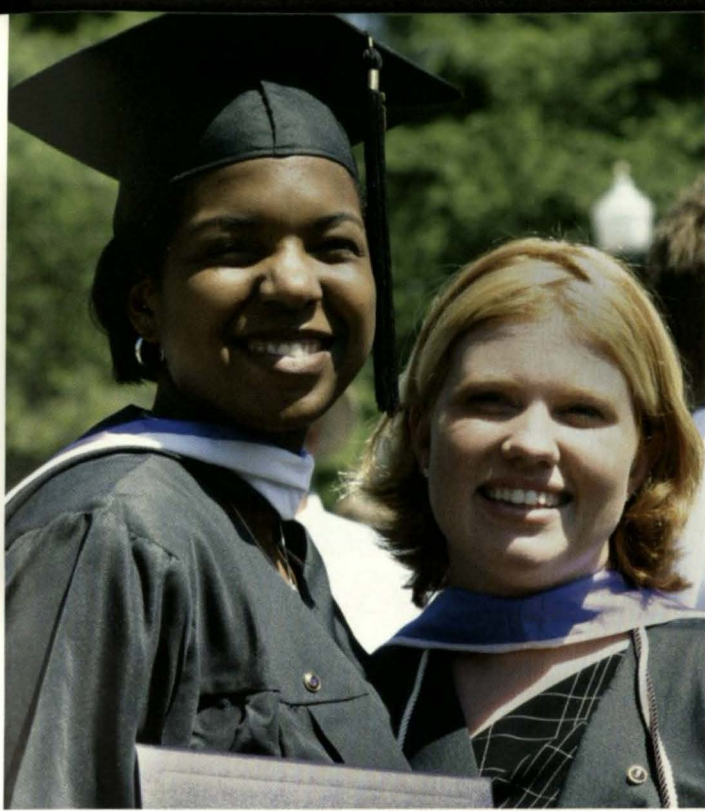


Porter Family Memorial Auditorium and the overflow seating area in Peyton Anderson Amphitheatre were both filled to capacity as 151 diplomas were awarded to the Green Knights of 2004, as well as Wesleyan MA and MBA program graduates. Presiding over her second commencement as president, Ruth Austin Knox recalled the graduating Knights' "brilliance ... color rush displays complete with bare midriffs and ... oh-so-close to winning STUNTS" before introducing speaker Diane McWhorter. McWhorter, a native Southerner and 1974 graduate of Wellesley, won the Pulitzer Prize for Non-Fiction in 2002 for her tome *Carry Me Home: Birmingham, Alabama — The Climactic Battle of the Civil Rights Revolution*.

McWhorter said she was thrilled to be speaking at her first college commencement at Wesleyan "the oldest women's college in America and the world. I'm a firm believer in women's education," shortly before the commencement procession began. "I was destined to go there (Wellesley) from birth. My grandmother and two of my aunts went to Wellesley, so it was in my genes. I didn't even apply anywhere else." McWhorter said even before arriving at the famous women's college she had already seen firsthand the benefits of a single-sex education — she attended Brookhill, an all-girls school, from grades 5–12.

After being introduced by President Knox as "a woman who has candidly chronicled some of the most interesting times in our country's history," McWhorter began by relaying the theme of her speech as "cognitive dissonance" — the psychological phenomenon referring to the discomfort felt at a discrepancy between what one already knows or believes and new information or interpretation.

"Cognitive dissonance has been a guiding force in my own life," McWhorter told the crowd. "To quote F. Scott Fitzgerald — 'the test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposing ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function.'" She then went on to chronicle her first taste of the phenomenon as a college sophomore taking a course on Gandhi. She says it was then she first



The Class of 2004

As scores of graduating Wesleyannes before them, students in the Class of 2004 understand the notion of “cognitive dissonance.” Judy Metts Whetstone is just one such example. She has already focused her sights on one of today’s “tyrannies” — teen pregnancy.

“My future plans include studying for a master’s degree in counseling or pursuing an MSW so that I will be better prepared to operate my own nonprofit organization,” said Whetstone, an AmeriCorps Service volunteer who earned her degree in psychology. “The organization that I plan to found is a spin-off of my senior seminar project where Dr. Shelly Martin was my professor. It is called ‘Help and Hope for a Brighter Future’ and its goal is to reduce teen pregnancy.”

Regardless of the different paths they are taking following graduations, Whetstone’s fellow classmates are just as committed to their individual quests to improve the world around them. Amanda Wood and Donna Wells, for example, will be joining the ranks of Macon-area educators — Wood, a traditional graduate, has accepted a third-grade teaching position at Bernd Elementary School while Wells, an Encore graduate, will teach eighth-grade Georgia history at Howard Middle School. Fellow graduate Lauren Eckman is seeking an English teaching position at the Georgia Academy for the Blind, while Terri Lewis is returning to her native New Orleans to pursue a masters in public health at Tulane University.

Continuing their formal education beyond Wesleyan is also in the cards for a large number of other new graduates. While Amanda Gluck will be attending the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University on a full Wesleyan Presidential Scholarship, fellow graduate Monica Harper will be attending the Baylor University School of Music and Truett Seminary on a full assistanceship in the pursuit of a master of church music degree. Devin Harris will head north to the University of Pittsburgh to further her education. “I will be working on obtaining a master of public administration degree with nonprofit management as the main concentration,” Harris said. “My future plans are to work my way up in the nonprofit sector so that I can eventually work for a national nonprofit organization one day.”

Vietnam-native Quynh Lee is planning for a life of public service as well. “My first, two-year plan after graduation is to work for a multinational organization in my country,” she said. “Then I will pursue my MBA in the United States. My goal is to work for the foreign ministry in Vietnam.”

It appears that Ms. Whorter’s wish for the newest graduates to experience “many years of joyful cognitive dissonance” is well on its way to becoming a reality.

faced her past of growing up in a well-to-do white household in Birmingham at the height of the Civil Rights movement. In the course, McWhorter said she felt the first “clash” of cognitive dissonance when she learned that Martin Luther King Jr.’s march was designed after Gandhi’s — something that went completely against what she had been taught as a child. “I grew up thinking King was an agitator,” she said. “Police dogs and hoses were kinder than bullets,” the white adults said. I said as a child that I was a white supremacist, not prejudiced.”

“I grew up during a crossroads in history, not recognizing it until later,” she recounted. “The story was already in me, but the Gandhi course wasn’t enough to jar it loose. That recognition finally came as a 27-year-old living in Boston.”

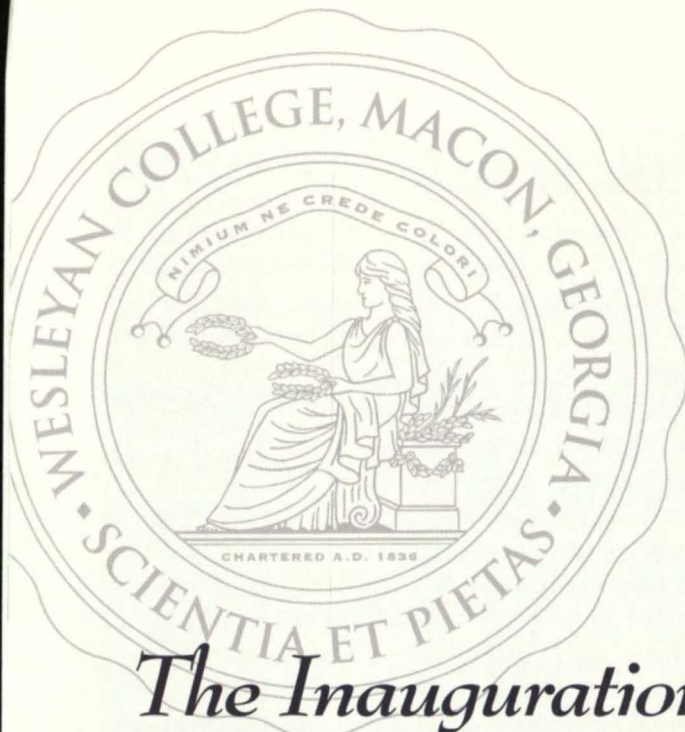
That recognition led to a long 18-year journey of researching and writing the book that would later garner the Pulitzer. In recounting her journey, McWhorter told the new graduates, “I wish you many joyful years of cognitive dissonance ahead.”

“I grew up under a form of social insanity — segregation, whose strangest and perhaps most frightening feature is that it felt perfectly normal to those of us who were living in it.”

“I challenge you to look around and try to figure out the assumption in our culture today that we may look back on in 30 years and consider a form of social insanity.”

McWhorter then advised the Class of 2004 to use their “well-nourished, college-educated minds” to recognize and fight the tyrannies and injustices they encounter in today’s world and the future, before closing with a quote from Thomas Wolfe’s *You Can’t Go Home Again*.

“And it is for Now, and for us the living, that we must speak the truth, as much of it as we can see and know. With the courage of the truth within us, we shall meet the enemy as they come to us, and they *shall* be ours. And if, once having conquered them, new enemies approach, we shall meet them from that point, from there proceed. In the affirmation of that fact, the continuance of that unceasing war, is man’s religion and living faith.”



The Inauguration of **Ruth Austin Knox '75**

Twenty-fourth President of Wesleyan College

Ruth Austin Knox, Wesleyan College Class of 1975, will be inaugurated as the 24th president of Wesleyan College on Saturday, November 6, 2004, at 2 p.m. in the Porter Family Memorial Auditorium. This event will be the highlight of a series of activities that begin on Wednesday, November 3, and conclude on Sunday, November 7, 2004.

The inaugural activities have been planned to honor Ruth Knox and to showcase Wesleyan College, the faculty, students, and alumnae.

A preview of the events that surround the inauguration of the first alumna to be president of Wesleyan College follows:

Wednesday, November 3 and Thursday, November 4

Members of the faculty will be featured speakers from 7–9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday in the Benson Room. Faculty members will share scholarly papers and make other presentations. Attendees will gain knowledge in specific fields, have the opportunity to get to know the professors, and have a better understanding of the quality of education that current students receive.

Friday, November 5

At 6 p.m., the Wesleyan carillon will chime 24 times to signal the beginning of Inaugural Weekend. All Methodist churches throughout the state of Georgia have been requested to either chime the carillon or ring a bell to honor the inauguration of Ruth Knox. Anne Scarborough Hughes '78 is coordinating this opening ceremony. How thrilling it will be for bells and chimes throughout the state of Georgia to acknowledge musically and publicly the inauguration of Wesleyan College's 24th president!

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A barbecue on the quadrangle will begin at 6 p.m. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by The Wesleyan Gospel Choir, The Wesleyannes, and members of President Knox's senior class Washboard Band. The president will be performing with the other members of her band.

A student service project which places the Golden Hearts/Pirates in competition with the Green Knights/Purple Knights begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 8 a.m. on Saturday. One pair of sister classes will decorate a room at The Methodist Children's Home. The other pair of sister classes will decorate a room at Wesley Glen Ministries. Each team will be given \$500 to purchase supplies.

On Saturday morning, the students will return to the Wesleyan campus and enjoy breakfast. Simultaneously, interior designers from the Macon area will judge both rooms, return to Wesleyan, and announce the name of the winning team. The Sisterhood Service Cup will be awarded to the winning sister classes.

The awarding of this cup will be an annual event. Trustees Hannah L. Allen '80 and Gena Roberts Franklin '71 are coordinating this service project.

Saturday, November 6

The day's activities for alumnae, faculty, staff, trustees, delegates, and other guests begin at 11 a.m. with brunch served in Anderson Dining Room.

At 12:30 p.m., guests are invited to the Candler Building for the unveiling of the plaque recognizing the building's significance as a part of the Wesleyan College Historic District designated as such by the National Register of Historic Places. All living Alumnae Association presidents will be included in this ceremony. Gloria Boyette '60, Cathy Coxey Snow '71, and Debbie Stevenson Moses '89 are coordinating this significant event in the history of Wesleyan College.

Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53 and her jazz band will begin playing outside Porter Auditorium at 1 p.m. This band, composed of Wesleyan alums (male and female), will provide music during the hour prior to the inauguration.

The inauguration is scheduled for 2 p.m. Monica Harper '04 is the organist.

The anthem, "Eternal Praise," composed for the inauguration by Dr. Carlton Young, Professor Emeritus, Candler School of Theology, will be performed.

R. Earle Barnette '58 is coordinating the instrumentalists who will perform as part of the anthem. The Wesleyan Festival Chorus, which is comprised of Wesleyan alumnae who graduated with a bachelor of music degree or sang in the glee club or The Wesleyannes, will also sing. More than 100 alumnae have responded, and we continue to recruit. Casey Thurman '65 is in charge of music for all inaugural events. Please call or e-mail her (fxtrt85@aol.com) if you have not yet responded to her letter about participating in the Wesleyan Festival Chorus. Ellen Futral Hanson '83 will conduct the chorus.

A reading composed for the inauguration and delivered by playwright Sandra Deer '62 will be presented. The Reverend Dr. Charlene Payne Kammerer '70, United Methodist bishop, will conduct the dedication ceremony. Dr. Robert K. Ackerman and Dr. William Earl Strickland, former presidents of Wesleyan College, will present the Presidential Medallion, followed by President Knox's

inaugural address.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, there will be a black-tie event at the home of Jane Johnson Butler '65 and her husband, Marshall. The evening's festivities will include piano music by current Wesleyan students. The gala conclusion will be a four-hand, one-piano concert by Neva Langley Fickling '55 and Edward E. Eikner, Catherine L. Comer Professor of Fine Arts.

The cost for this elegant gourmet evening is \$65 per person. Glennda Kingry Elliott '65 and Trudie Parker Sessions '65 are working with Trustee Linda Dekle-Frost to orchestrate this evening to remember.

Shuttle service from the college will be provided for those who wish to be driven to the Butlers' home.

Simultaneously, the students will attend The Crystal Ball, organized by Sara DeCubellis '06. This exciting event will be a fun-filled evening at the college, complete with fortune tellers and a disc jockey.

Sunday, November 7

The day's activities will begin at the site of the original college. Delmas S. Crisp, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, will preside. Remarks will be delivered by The Honorable Cynthia D. Wright '75, Judge, Fulton County Superior Court.

At the conclusion of the Marker Ceremony, a bagpiper will lead the procession to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church for the 11 a.m. service. The church service will salute Wesleyan College and the inauguration of Ruth A. Knox.

The Rev. Dr. L. Bevel Jones III, trustee emeritus and retired United Methodist bishop, will deliver the sermon. Wesleyan alumnae who also are members of the clergy will participate in the service.

Kay Stripling Byer '66 will read a poem that she has written in honor of the inauguration of Ruth Knox. Music will be provided by members of the Wesleyan Festival Chorus and the Mulberry choir.

The inauguration ceremonies will conclude at the end of the church service. The carillon or bells at United Methodist churches throughout the state of Georgia and the Wesleyan carillon will chime 24 times to salute and honor Ruth A. Knox, the 24th president of Wesleyan College.

Catharine Burns Liles '66 is painting a commissioned piece which she is donating to Wesleyan College. Prints will be made and will be available for purchase. The first 50 prints will be signed by President Knox.

Throughout the inaugural festivities, Wesleyan College will present three art collections: Chinese art from the Soong Sisters Collection; selections from the Wesleyan College Permanent Collection, featuring art works donated by alumnae and those that have been restored by contributions from Wesleyan alumnae; and an exhibition of art work by current students.

For additional information, please visit the Web site (www.wesleyancollege.edu/inauguration) or contact Denise Welch, Assistant to the President, (478) 757-5211. Invitations will be mailed in September 2004.

Members of the Inauguration Steering Committee hope you share their enthusiasm and plan to participate in all events. This is a *first* for Wesleyan College ... the opportunity to salute one of our own ... Ruth A. Knox, the 24th president of Wesleyan College.

It is the committee's privilege to plan and to make the inauguration a reality. Make your plans now to attend in November.



Around El Salvador in Nine Days

Adventures in a very small country

*By Tommie Sue
Montgomery-Abrahams '63*

Tommie Sue Montgomery-Abrahams is the author of *Revolution in El Salvador: From Civil Strife to Civil Peace* (1995), and numerous other books and articles on El Salvador, Central America and U.S. foreign policy in Central America. From January to June 2004 she was a Fulbright professor at the "José Simeón Cañas" Central American University in San Salvador, where she taught Global Politics in the M.A. program in political science and Comparative Politics: Canada and the United States in a non-degree, post-graduate program on political institutions. When they are not traveling, she and her husband, David, live in Lindsay, Ontario.

How much can one learn about a country, its culture and its people in nine days, especially when the country is the size of Massachusetts?

The answer for four Wesleyan students in early March was "a great deal," and "not enough." For their tour guide it was, even after 25 years of rummaging around this "pulgarcito" on the underbelly of Central America, "even more," especially with eight more eyes to help me see!

Mary Beth McCoy '04, Nyanda Redwood '06, Recha Reid '05 and Ashling Thurmond '05 walked off the plane on March 4 and into the sultry climate that characterizes the coastal lowlands of Central America. They had slept very little the night before but there was no rest for the weary — out of customs, into the Abrahams' van, and off to the first stop, the San Cristobal agricultural cooperative 30 minutes east of Comalapa International Airport.

All 16 members of the co-op's Women's Committee welcomed us with freshly cut coconuts, filled with sweet coconut milk. We sat in the shade on the porch of the co-op's main community building and listened to their stories of working to improve their lives through literacy classes, training in gender issues, organic farming, hygienic preparation of jams, and most recently, a bakery. The co-op president showed us around part of the 185-acre farm, where sugar cane is the primary crop but they also grow corn and other food crops for their own consumption. As we bid them farewell, they gave us each a jar of "Heart of Maracuya" jam, made from an indigenous fruit. We left them with vinyl tablecloths and rubber gloves for use in the preparation of their products.

Our next stop was the Abrahams' favorite restaurant on the Pacific Ocean, 20 minutes from the co-op, where we unwound, listened to the roar of the surf and feasted on lobster and shrimp. When the bill arrived, Mary Beth commented on the price: \$13.50 for an excellent lobster dinner. I laughed, "that had to be cheapest lobster she'd ever seen!" She heartily agreed.

After an hour's drive back to San Salvador, which sits in a valley 2,500 feet above sea level, the Wesleyannes met their host families for the first time. We dropped Recha off at the home of Rubén and María Ester Zamora. Rubén has been in politics his entire adult life and was candidate for president in 1994. A lawyer by training, he is currently a consultant on development issues. María Ester is a professor at the Central American University (UCA). Later in the week the Zamoras invited the group to their house for supper and a conversation with Rubén about politics in El Salvador and the upcoming presidential election, which was held March 21.

Arriving at our apartment, the other host families converged to meet and take home their respective "daughters." Ashling accompanied Blanca and Douglas López. He is a senior manager with the largest chicken processing company in El Salvador. Nyanda was met by Guadalupe Fajardo de Reyna. She and her husband, Angel, are Guatemalan but have lived in El Salvador for several years, where he is the Central American representative for Florida Atlantic University. Hortensia and Juan José Martel hosted Mary Beth. Juan José is one of five magistrates on the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, which oversees all elections.

In the week that followed, the students met with one of the most senior women officers in the National Civil Police (PNC), representatives of three political parties running candidates for president, women members of the Legislative Assembly, the only woman on the Supreme Court of Justice, the mayor of Mejicanos, which is to San Salvador as Decatur is to Atlanta, The Electoral Tribunal and the executive director of the National Association of Private Enterprise.

They also had a small dose of academia, with three meetings at UCA. First we heard from Dr. Álvaro Artiga, director of the master's program in political science and a specialist on Salvadorean elections. After lunch we met with Father Dean Brackley, S.J., a theologian from New York who was among the first to volunteer to come to El Salvador after the army murdered six of his fellow Jesuits in November 1989; and finally with Dr. Sonia Baires, a sociologist and specialist on women's issues.

They also visited three very different women's projects. The first, "Flor de Piedra" ("Rock Flower") was founded in 1991 and is located in the capital's "red light" district. It works with women who have left or want to leave behind a life of prostitution. The center offers classes in health, self-esteem and gender issues. Women receive formal training in therapeutic and acupuncture massage. The center also works with women still "in the trade" both to show them there are alternatives and to teach them about "safe sex" and the use of condoms in order to reduce the HIV infection rate.

The second project, "Las Mélicas," focuses on local development, training and consciousness-raising with regard to women's and labor rights, the law and domestic violence. The organization also provides legal representation for women who are seeking protection from abusive husbands. The name comes from a former teacher and head of the teacher's union who became a revolutionary in the late 1970s and was murdered by a colleague in 1983. Today in El Salvador schools are named for Mélica Anaya Montes.

We traveled to San Marcos, five miles south of San Salvador, to learn more about this organization and the array of services it provides to women through 81 groups across the country. A group of maquila workers, who earn the munificent sum of \$5 per day, were also present to describe their often

oppressive working conditions and what they are doing to end abuses in the workplace. One woman, who works for the Hipotex Company, which assembles clothes, is required to make 5,000 pieces per day. If she doesn't make her quota, she has to work on Saturday until she finishes her quota — without pay.

The third project is that of an Episcopal missionary, Elizabeth Evans (of Columbia, South Carolina), who lives in the eastern city of San Miguel, a hot, dusty burg that has mushroomed in size since the end of the civil war 12 years ago. Elizabeth, who will be ordained later this year, works with women in the local prison, which houses men and women in separate areas. The prison director led us through the men's area, where we saw a large number in the woodworking shop and more making hammocks. They are able to sell the items they make in order to earn money for their families. One man was almost finished with a large wood relief carving of the Last Supper, an at once surprising — and not-so-surprising — theme behind walls.

The women's area was a shock — much smaller, less well constructed and haphazard in organization. The 72 women are incarcerated for crimes ranging from kidnapping and murder to drug dealing to petty theft. Some are there for a year or two. Others, including women with whom we talked, are in for 10 to 16 years. They sleep in bunk beds in dormitories. During the day they are in a large courtyard protected from the elements by black plastic sheets. Elizabeth's current project is to raise enough money to cover the courtyard with laminate. Meanwhile, she celebrates Mass every Sunday. She has also started a book club, which within a month had 12 members reading everything from "Harry Potter" to Isabel Allende!

The prison provides schooling through 11th grade and all prisoners who want early parole go to school three hours per day. It is the only time men and women are together. One woman, who is in for 16 years and has 10 more to serve, unless she gains parole, told us "This place is not for punishment. It is to reform us, nothing more."

With all this work — made more difficult because most meetings were conducted in Spanish — there was still time for some history, culture and enjoying San Salvador's night life.

After our meeting on Saturday morning with PNC Sub-Inspector Élica Pérez Presa,

we headed for the central part of the country and lunch at a well-known "comedor" (a restaurant that serves buffet-style) in San Vicente. Sated, we drove further north to Ilobasco, a medium-sized town famous for its ceramic work, especially tiny figurines called "sorpresas" (surprises).

Following the prison visit on Wednesday, we headed for El Cuco beach, on the southeastern coast, and a dip in the Pacific. During the week we also squeezed in visits to San Salvador's two major folk art markets and the National Art Museum. We had a conversation with Fernando Llor, El Salvador's most famous artist whose work graces several public places, most notably the façade of the cathedral in downtown San Salvador. The students were introduced to Salvadorean food, including its most famous dish, pupusas — thick tortillas stuffed with cheese, beans, ground sausage, and/or loroco, a native flower, and grilled in a metal pan over an open fire.

The last day we headed west, first visiting two of El Salvador's Mayan archaeological sites, then through the mountains of the coffee growing area. We finally stopped for lunch at the Torremolinos Restaurant on the edge of Lake Coatepeque, the 15-square-mile product of a collapsed volcano a few millennia ago.

Over lunch at the lake I asked the students what were the three most important things they had learned during their time in El Salvador. Each had different answers, but all "got it" in her own, individual way. For Nyanda, it was an awareness of a political system about which she had known nothing and the big differences in culture and in how others approach or perceive things. For Recha, it was the recognition that politics in El Salvador, used 12 years ago to pull people together after an 11-year civil war, are now polarizing. Recha also discovered that the country "is full of genuinely nice, welcoming people. There's no prejudice."

Ashling, the political scientist and accomplished researcher in the group, appreciated reading the paper every morning, the cultural encounters and the day spent at the Legislative Assembly. Mary Beth, the musician and future translator, fell in love, much as her tour guide did 25 years ago — following graduation she's heading back to El Salvador for six months.



Have Visa, Will Travel

*Students take their
studies across the globe*

By Beverly Peavy

"Oh, the places you will go," wrote Dr. Seuss many years ago. Of course the master storyteller wasn't even remotely thinking of Wesleyan graduate students, but, oh, the places they've been or will go! Russia, China and Italy bring to mind history, economics, vastly different cultures, and opportunities to learn.

Both Russia and China are in transition from planned economies to market economies, a fact that makes them important countries for graduate students to visit, says Dr. Phil Taylor, director of graduate business programs and a chaperone on the trips.

"Wesleyan is very fortunate to have relationships with important organizations in Russia and China," Taylor said. "In Russia, we have an exchange agreement with Ulyanovsk State University located in Ulyanovsk about 400 miles southeast of Moscow."

Having developed close ties with university administration and faculty as well as city officials and regional governments, Wesleyan has been able to visit major business firms in the university area.

"We've gotten to know the business folks," Taylor said, adding that Ulyanovsk wants a sister city relationship with Macon. "Wesleyan is helping facilitate talks between Macon and Ulyanovsk officials to bring about this relationship. The Ulyanovsk regional government plans to join in Macon's rite of spring by sending Russian entertainers to the 2005 Cherry Blossom Festival next March."

Cohorts 1, 2 and 3 of the EMBA program have been to Russia. A cohort, explains Taylor, is the name given to each EMBA group.

"It's a class that starts together, stays together throughout the graduate course of study, and graduates together," he said, adding that the cohort set-up is what differentiates the EMBA students from other graduate and undergraduate programs at Wesleyan.

Brandy Hayes, a member of Cohort 3 that visited Russia in April 2004, said the trip helped her make a lot of sense out of her classroom studies. While touring a textile factory, automobile plant, airplane factory, and printing press in Ulyanovsk, Hayes was able to see firsthand how Wesleyan's EMBA program focuses on the growing trend of a global economy.

"This was my first international travel experience," Hayes said, and she "would not trade it for anything." Although she admits that the trip "proved very trying" at times due to long flights, long train rides, and the language barrier, she believes that the study abroad component of Wesleyan's EMBA program "sets (it) apart from many others in the area."

Cohorts 1 and 2 visited Russia in 2002 with 27 graduate students, two faculty members, and one administrator. The 2004 Russia trip included 21 graduate students in Cohort 3, two faculty members, and one administrator. Visiting Italy in June 2004 were two faculty members, 12 graduate students, three undergraduates, and ten community members. The trip to China in July 2004 includes two faculty members, three administrators, 12 graduate students, and two student spouses.

The trip to China will be special, indeed, as Wesleyan shares some of its Soong sisters memorabilia with the Chinese. Catherine Lee, Wesleyan's library director, is coordinating the transport and display of artifacts from the college's archives. These precious items will be displayed at Soong Ching Ling's (Madame Sun Yat-sen) former Beijing residence. These artifacts will include books, college catalogs, copies of *Wesleyan Magazine*, photographs, letters, yearbooks, and a



silk embroidery donated to Wesleyan by Soong Ching Ling in 1976 with a plaque inscribed "To Wesleyan College, my alma mater. A souvenir with warm greetings and love. Soong Ching Ling. July 20, 1976." Lee will also make two presentations about the Soong sisters' Wesleyan legacies, which have become an integral and beloved part of Wesleyan's early history.

A trip to a foreign country is good for Wesleyan students "from a pragmatic perspective," Taylor said, "because it is a required course in the graduate business program. MBA programs require study abroad because companies want their employees to have the learning experiences."

Along with business knowledge, EMBA students also learn about such subtleties as asking for salt and pepper. On a trip to Italy, graduate student Pablo Hernandez, a senior principal systems engineer with Raytheon, a Warner Robins, Georgia, engineering firm, wanted

pepper (the spice) for his food. Instead his waiter brought green peppers. When Hernandez ordered a pepperoni pizza, his "pie" arrived at the table covered with red and green peppers rather than pieces of round spicy meat! Taylor says it is also "tough to correctly order non-carbonated water in Russia and Italy."

Whether in art, literature, business, or at the dinner table, Taylor wants Wesleyan students to benefit from experiences which make good citizens and employees.

"We want to expose our students to the global marketplace from the perspective of a different culture," Taylor said. "Living, if only for a short period of time, where you do not speak the language, cannot read the signs or menus, and are unfamiliar with a business's organization and resources is a true learning experience."

All of the places Wesleyan students go — Russia, China, Italy, and beyond — afford those opportunities to become citizens of the world.

It's All in the Planning

by Danielle Lodge

Planning a study abroad trip is a tedious, time-consuming adventure, but it is worth all of the effort if the trip is executed smoothly and the students are satisfied. When planning study abroad for EMBA students, I work closely with Dr. Philip Taylor, director of graduate business programs; Steve Farr, vice president of administration and marketing; and our foreign contacts.

Dr. Taylor and Mr. Farr make the initial contact with our international friends and set the date and location for the trip. Although we all work on organizing events for the trip, Dr. Taylor and our contacts abroad are primarily responsible for creating the itinerary. In some cases, we work with universities to host a lecture series and cultural excursions for the trip, and sometimes we work with universities and travel agents to cover all of the bases. We are working with the Soong Ching Ling Foundation in Beijing for our upcoming study abroad trip in China.

When we are planning a trip to a country that is new to us, it is customary for Dr. Taylor to visit the location before making

arrangements to take our students. For example, during the winter months, Dr. Taylor visited Italy and China to look at hotels, test the cuisine, and meet with our contacts overseas to make sure that the venue we selected would be acceptable for our program.

Of course, planning a study abroad trip involves negotiating airfare and purchasing air tickets, as well as arranging transportation within the foreign country. For most of the countries our students visit, we are required to obtain travel visas. Applying for the visas requires strict adherence to embassy regulations. This is the most detail-oriented part of the process. If we don't have visas, we don't travel.

In addition to planning the actual trip and making the necessary purchases, we have to educate our students about the country they will visit. We do this in a number of ways: presentations by Wesleyan exchange students, EMBA students, and professors; printed materials that give the students an idea about the culture, geography, and business practices of the country; and Internet resources for further research.



Our Place in History

*Wesleyan campus
listed in National
Register of
Historic Places*

*By Cynthia Wallace
Robinson*

The Wesleyan College Historic District is now listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Made on April 2, 2004, the official listing recognizes the historic significance of Wesleyan College's campus located on Forsyth Road.

"It was very exciting when Tena (Roberts, Wesleyan Archivist/Librarian and Wesleyan alumna) called and told me that we had, in fact, been named to the National Register," said Gloria Boyette, the Wesleyan alumna and former president of the Wesleyan Alumna Association who initiated the idea for the designation back in 1994. "Though it took a decade, it was well worth the wait, and we are so fortunate to have Tena Roberts persisting in the endeavor for such a long time."

Founded in 1836 as the world's first college chartered to grant degrees to women, Wesleyan was originally located in downtown Macon. When the college outgrew its downtown location, officials decided to purchase a site for a new campus in the suburban neighborhood of Rivoli on the outskirts of Macon. The core of the present campus was built between 1927 and 1928.

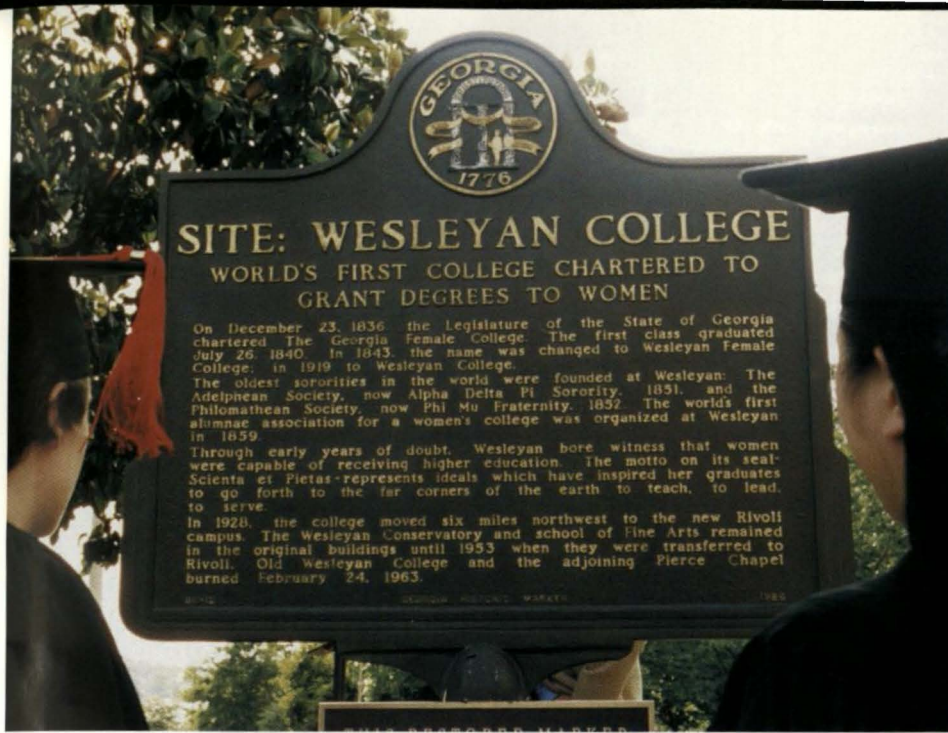
The Wesleyan College Historic District includes the entire 200-acre campus and consists of approximately 30 buildings, most of which are historically significant. The campus was planned as a unified design from the beginning, and later additions have followed the original plan. The college's park-like setting was achieved through the design of the large grassy expanses of the central quadrangle. The majority of the

buildings are Georgia Revival-style academic buildings surrounding the central quadrangle. Found here are Tate and Taylor Halls (1928 classroom buildings), the Porter Gym (1928), the original Candler Library (1928) and the Porter Fine Arts Building (1955). Massive live oaks also line the quadrangle, while mature magnolias, Japanese maples, ginkgo, flowering quince, dogwood, tea olive, and other species of hardwoods contribute to the overall design.

Just to the northwest of this area is a second, closed quadrangle that is a complex of student residence halls. These include the Olive Swann Porter Building (1928), a large, three-story, red brick structure with a Mount Vernon-style portico. This building connects to Persons Hall (1928) via a loggia, and adjoining these two are Banks Hall and Wortham Hall (1928). Newer student residence halls in the same style are Jones Hall (1959) and Hightower Hall (1963). Willet Library (1968) sits near the Forsyth Road entrance, while Huckabee Hall (1957 infirmary), is located between the residence halls and the fine arts building.

Approximately half the land included in the Wesleyan campus is a forest preserve/arboretum and remains undeveloped. This area, located at the back of the campus, is a native hardwood forest, home to a wide variety of native wildlife and many species of birds.

The "core campus" is set in the southeast corner of the property, with the northern edge of the area containing a large lake



(Foster Lake, 1949) and the Mathews Athletic Complex, which includes the equestrian center, riding ring and pastures. This section, along with Bradley House (1918, the president's residence), was donated to the college in 1954.

Wesleyan was approved for historic designation because the campus meets four areas of significance — architecture, landscape architecture, community planning and development, and education.

Well-known Cleveland, Ohio, architects Walker & Weeks designed the original campus plan and buildings, completed in 1928. The work of Phillip T. Shutze of Atlanta in the design of the Candler Library Building, also completed in 1928, with classical interior detailing also lends to Wesleyan's architectural significance. Several of the later buildings are significant as the works of Macon architect W. Elliott Dunwoody, including the Porter Fine Arts Building, Huckabee Hall, the Jones and Hightower residence halls, the Murphey Art Building, and the co-design of the Willet Library. All of these buildings retain their Georgian Revival style in the columns, porticos and arches of their original designs.

The original landscaping plan was designed in 1928 as well by the Atlanta firm of J. Leon Hoffman and Company. Hoffman was a pupil of great American landscape designer Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed New York's Central Park and the landscape of Biltmore House in Asheville, North Carolina. Early in his career, Hoffman

supervised Olmsted's work on Biltmore and the Druid Hills suburb in Atlanta. Later his work included designs at Callaway Gardens and the Atlanta subdivisions of Avondale Estates, Morningside, and Garden Hills. In Macon, his designs can also be found in Shirley Hills, Ingleside, Forsyth Circle, and Callaway Terrace. On the Wesleyan campus, Hoffman emphasized the academic, secluded nature of the campus. Also significant is the grove of cherry trees designed by noted Macon architect Allamae Ellis League, who attended Wesleyan and was the first female Fellow of the American Institute of Architects from Georgia. Overall, the landscape at Wesleyan is among the most intact examples of early 20th century campus landscaping in Georgia.

Wesleyan is significant in the area of community planning and development for its master plan by Walker & Weeks, which was developed in the 1920s specifically for the site. This plan has been followed closely in all later development. Because it remained true to the original plan, the campus serves as a fine physical example of college planning. The campus core is a large open central quadrangle, a form whose history dates to the mid-sixteenth century in Cambridge, England. The enclosed quadrangle was also influenced by the layout of many monasteries where so much learning had been preserved, and whose design became associated with education. Overall, the Wesleyan campus is among the most extensive and intact early 20th century

planned campuses in Georgia with little if any incompatible new development or intrusive parking lots that characterize many other campuses.

Finally, the campus is also significant in education for being an important Methodist-supported women's college, carrying on the tradition of college-level education for women at this new campus. The current campus continues the strong tradition of women's education first begun with Wesleyan's original charter in 1836. A nationally recognized college, Wesleyan's longevity attests to its strength and significance in the realm of women's higher education. The college has remained on the forefront of women's education by continuing its focus on the liberal arts and especially the sciences.

"We are thrilled with Wesleyan's listing in the National Register of Historic Places," said Wesleyan President Ruth Austin Knox. "We are deeply grateful for the tireless efforts and diligence of Wesleyan supporters such as Gloria Boyette and Tena Roberts in gaining this recognition. I could not stop reading the official registration materials, which describe in great detail the supporting facts that establish what those of us at Wesleyan have long known, Wesleyan is a treasure — to Macon and Middle Georgia, the State of Georgia, the United Methodist Church and to the entire country really. We want everyone to be as proud of Wesleyan as we are."



A Wesleyan Treasure

*Tena Roberts '60
retires after
40 years of service*

By Cynthia Wallace Robinson

Above left: Tena Roberts' senior photo in the 1960 Vetteropt. **Above center:** College roommates, Tena (left) and Jackie Richardson '60. **Above right:** File photo.

Spending 40 years working for the same employer is almost unheard of today, but Wesleyan is not your ordinary employer and Tena Roberts '60 is, most certainly, not your ordinary employee.

Roberts, who served as Wesleyan's librarian and later archivist/historian, retired June 30, 2004, after 40 years of dedication to her beloved alma mater.

"When I first came back (as an employee after earning her MS from Florida State University) I felt like I should give back to Wesleyan. I thought I would be here, maybe two years," she says with a chuckle. Those two years quickly turned to four, six, eight, 10 ... and the rest, as they say, is history. "Somehow after coming back to Wesleyan, I knew I could never leave," she said.

Former fellow employee Frances Van Horn '53 says it was fate. "It didn't surprise me a bit that Tena stayed at Wesleyan for 40 years," said the retired Alumna Relations Director and Director of Campus and Community Events. "Tena has always been

the historian. Everyone at Wesleyan knows that if there is something about the college you want to know, you call Tena."

One subject that is dear to Roberts' heart is anything related to the Soong Sisters. "When I was alumnae director, my office was next door to Tena's. We were constantly getting visitors from China and Taiwan to view everything we had about the Soong Sisters. Tena and I like to say we were probably the most photographed people in the world, at least by people from China and Taiwan," Van Horn recalled, laughing.

Over the years, visitors from the Far East have continued to flock to Wesleyan where they would be greeted by Roberts and her photographic recall of the famous sisters. Her knowledge of the trio has been so sought after that she prepared a Soong Sisters "cheat sheet" for other library workers.

Wesleyan President Ruth Austin Knox '75, who was a student at Wesleyan while Roberts was the librarian, says she didn't truly become aware of the depth of Roberts'

historical knowledge until she accepted the presidency of the college.

"When I arrived a couple of years ago, Tena and I reached an understanding. She informed me that she had known a good bit about the antics of my Golden Heart Class, but she agreed she wouldn't tell any tales about me," said Knox, laughing. "Instead, she would give me a series of history lessons about a wide-range of topics. She has been doing that, almost once a week. My history notebook is now filled with interesting tales, hilarious stories and some very rich history. I am deeply grateful for her dedication in preserving and sharing Wesleyan's past."

As President Knox discovered, Roberts' expansive knowledge of all things Wesleyan is legendary. There isn't one nook or cranny of the campus that she hasn't been in and she can quickly recall what was housed where at any given time. "The president and his family lived on the front side of Olive Swann Porter before the college acquired Bradley House," Tena said.

One of her favorite recollections is the summer she spent living in what is now an office in the Wesleyan Public Relations Department — the former Olive Swann Porter Barracks — while working in the dining room. "Of course, there was no air conditioning then, so the heat was horrendous. We (she and her fellow student workers) would sneak out the windows at night and sleep on the roof. Of course, that was a big no, no," she said, laughing.

Roberts' friend and Wesleyan roommate, Jackie Richardson '60, simply says she and Roberts "got into our share of tight spots," with a smile on her face.

Richardson and Roberts met as eighth-graders at A.L. Miller High School, an all-girls school, and became fast friends. After having other roommates their freshman year, the two Green Knights decided to room together their sophomore year and remained together through graduation.

"Although we were never athletic in high school, we both participated in sports at Wesleyan," said Tena, adding that their team won the Class Soccer Cup their senior year. "We weren't that good, but had a great time."

In addition to being active in sports, the roommates and their close-knit Green Knight class were active in STUNT, winning the STUNT Cup their junior year and partic-

ipating in numerous student government and academic groups. Roberts also found the beginnings of her future career, working in the library as a student assistant under the tutelage of the late Catherine Carnes.

"Tena and I were both history and government majors, while our suite mates, Sue Lewis Lipoma (now deceased) and Sylvia Clark (now a real estate agent in Atlanta), were both music majors," said Richardson, a retired teacher and high school principal living in Macon. "There were eight of us who were really close. Meals were served family-style at Wesleyan then, and we ate three meals together every day."

Richardson said in addition to herself, Roberts, Lipoma, and Clark, the other "eight" were Cathy Rogers, the president of SGA and Miss Wesleyan who died in an automobile accident less than a year after the group graduated; Betsy Palmer Smith, a retired Atlanta teacher; Martha Bell Lewis, also a retired Atlanta teacher; and Juliet Singletary Coleman, a nurse in Florence, South Carolina. While students, all members of the group earned academic accolades and the surviving six, Richardson says, have remained in close touch. "There is also a scholarship in Cathy Rogers' name, and we each contribute to it," she added. The group hopes to travel together to New England this fall now that Roberts has retired and put traveling at the top of her to-do list.

However, Van Horn says she does not expect Roberts' presence to become scarce around Wesleyan anytime soon. "I think she is easing off, getting away gradually," said Van Horn, sighting her work on the upcoming inauguration of President Knox (see page 4). In addition, Van Horn said Roberts has already volunteered to help at the Sidney Lanier Cottage in Macon and has agreed to serve on the archives committee at Vineville United Methodist Church. "Tena has always been into preservation and I'm so proud of her for helping us get the historic designation (see page 10)."

President Knox agrees and, perhaps, sums it up best; "Tena certainly has served Wesleyan with distinction in many positions, and we are all blessed that she has. We thank her for her love of books, her love of history, and her love of Wesleyan. We love and appreciate Tena and thank her for sharing herself so generously. She is a Wesleyan treasure indeed."

Tena Roberts receives a recognition award during Alumnae Weekend, addresses the 2004 graduates at the Marker Ceremony, and is named faculty emerita by Del Crisp during Commencement.



Take a Leap of Faith



In 1836, Wesleyan College was born on a Leap of Faith. Thanks to this momentous leap, Wesleyan College forever will be the first college for women. Wesleyan has taken many leaps of faith throughout her noble history:

- In 1836, the college was founded through the faithful efforts of a group of Macon citizens and the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- In 1859, the first alumnae association in the world was established at Wesleyan College.
- In 1881, Wesleyan's first permanent endowment fund was established.
- In 1928, our college took the bold step of moving the Liberal Arts College to the Rivoli Campus.
- In 1980, when many women's colleges were becoming co-educational, Wesleyan alumnae took a special leap and voted to keep Wesleyan a women's college.

In 2001, our legendary anonymous donors pledged \$15 million to our endowment — the largest gift in Wesleyan's history — challenging alumnae and friends to commit an additional \$30 million to our beloved college.

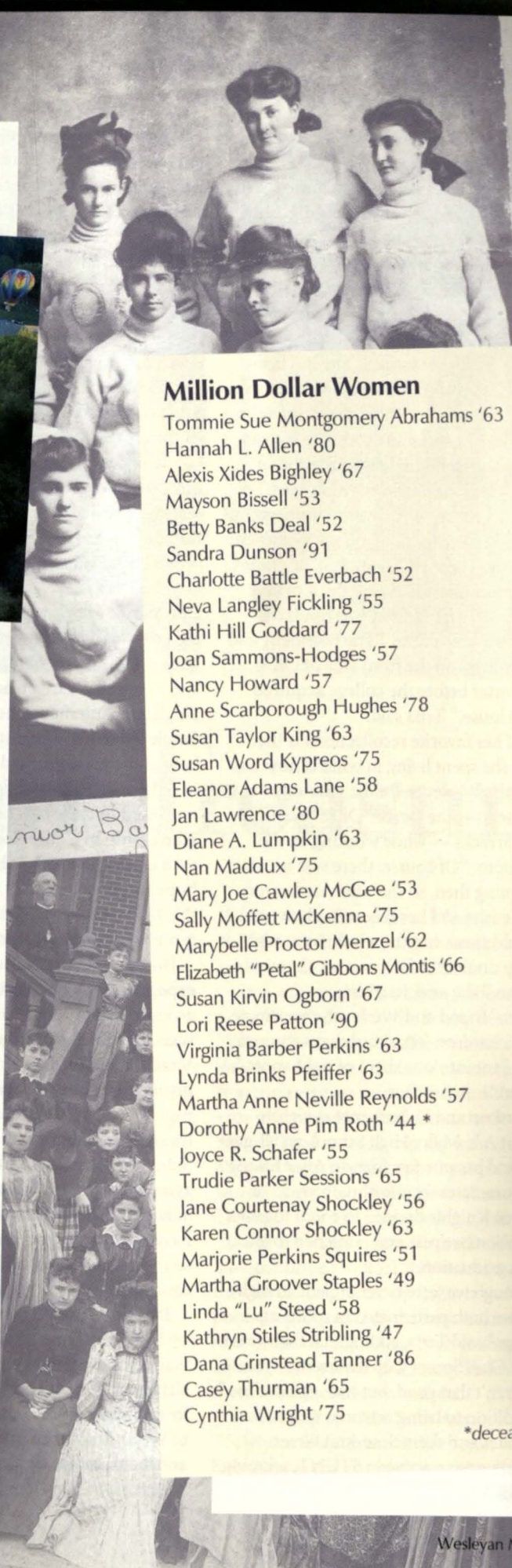
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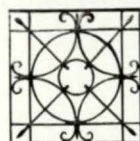
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The Million-Dollar Women will meet once a year beginning later in 2004 or early in 2005 to select a special project to fund each year with their designated gifts. Please contact Susan Allen in the Advancement Office at (478) 757-5131 to be counted as a charter member!

If you notified someone already that you wanted to join and your name does not appear on this list, please contact Susan Allen at the number listed above or e-mail her at sallen@wesleyancollege.edu.



The Society for the Twenty-first Century

A reprint of a letter from Cora Couch Robinson, Class of 1932, to alumnae:

All trees are perfectly wonderful to me! In my life, though, there are three special ones. There is the old apple tree that grew in my parents' side yard. Under the shady coolness of its branches I swept many a rock-outlined playhouse, spending such pleasant hours! Then in the early years of my marriage when my husband was building a business and I was caring for our baby son, a deep-rooted maple weathered the seasons outside our bedroom window. In winter across the sky it stretched wide a web of gray limbs, which in spring became gray and red-tagged! That, I thought, is what John and I are doing. We are sinking our roots deep into life, so that we may safely spread out, making life together strong and beautiful. Still there is another: it is an elm outside my library window. In spring and summer it is daintily-trimmed, in autumn yellow and burnt-brown. It is now spreading under the tall pines and thrusting itself upward toward the sky!

Today, I think: Why Wesleyan sums up all three of my trees for me. She has provided pleasure, insight, and knowledge — and still challenges me! Because I want her to do the same for many to come, I have joined other alumnae and put Wesleyan in my will — Will you?"



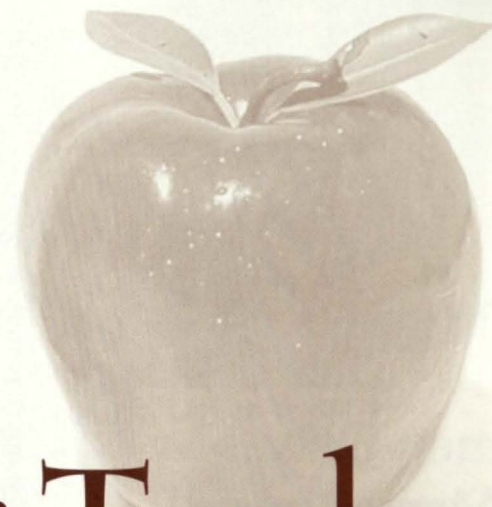
The seeds you sow today will grow many new "trees" for Wesleyan, which, as they did for Cora Couch Robinson so many decades ago, will bring forth "pleasure, insight, and knowledge." The roots of your estate gift will help us strengthen, beautify, and spread the branches of Wesleyan's future. Benefactors who document a bequest to Wesleyan will be recognized as members of the Society for the Twenty-first Century. For more information on membership, please contact Susan Allen, Vice President, Institutional Advancement, at (478) 757-5131.





By Jackie Davis Richardson '60

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Appreciating Teachers

Admittedly, I was always a “fool about school.” I loved it from the first moment I walked into Alexander IV in 1944. My 50-year love affair with schools officially ended with my retirement from the Bibb County School System in 1994 after serving as teacher, assistant principal, curriculum director, associate principal for instruction, and principal. All but three of those years as an educator were spent at McEvoy, Willingham, and Southwest high schools. I would like to thank my co-workers (male, female, black, white), the students, and the parents for making my experience such a pleasant and memorable one.

Despite the first paragraph, this article is not about me but about teachers and other educators and the positive influence they can have on the lives of the multitude of students with whom they come in contact. John W. Powell’s letter in the Mother’s Day issue of *The Telegraph* started my thinking on the subject of teachers who “played the mother’s role in their own right.” Male teachers can certainly play the father’s role in many cases. At any rate, knowing how thrilled 91-year-old Mrs. Thelma Goss was to be mentioned in Lt. Col. Powell’s letter, I urge each of you in the reading audience to “tell a teacher” this week how much he or she meant to you while that honored individual is still around to appreciate the compliment. I’m going to follow my own advice and do the same thing.

I missed the opportunity to tell Student Council advisors at Miller (where I served as Student Council president in 1956) what an influence they had on my life. Here’s to

Lucille Carswell and Agnes Pittman — two great ladies. Math teachers Margaret Edenfield and Willie Mae Little were legendary, as were Elizabeth Poe Clark, Ann Martin Holmes, Frances Brubaker, Emily Orr Sullivan, Frances Kite Layfield, Mary Alfriend, Margaret Elkins, Lena Pendergrass, Dee Thrasher, Katherine Ross, Addie Funderburke, Florence Blair, and Mary Holmes. I would like to pay special tribute to three outstanding Miller teachers who are still living and who attended our last class reunion — Ann Henry, Geraldine Jackson, and Dorothy Simmons Odell. Ann Henry was also my supervising teacher when, as a Wesleyan senior, I student taught American history in her classes. Thank you, Miss Henry, for being a wonderful role model and mentor for me. There were no male teachers in those golden days of my youth — only H.S. Lasseter, principal. All the women — both faculty and students — respected him greatly. Mary Barber was secretary, and Dorothy Watson Cropper was librarian.

I would be remiss in failing to mention the strong teachers at Alexander IV whose influence I treasure. Fortunately for their students, some are still around. Here’s to Thelma Garrett, Ruth Altman, Louise Maynard, Esther Sherwood, Nina Dorsett, Mrs. Blake, Lois Birch, Leola Dumas, Frances Clark, and Grace McKenney. Nell Collins was the very capable principal.

Miller Junior was just as well-endowed: Ruby Tanner, Ruth Johnston, Martha Colquitt, Winifred Colquitt Williams, Frances Oliver, Ida Young Walker, Ruby

Elder, Kathryn Richardson, Mary Dozier, and Margaret Slocumb. A toast also goes to the ladies in the gym: “Burney” Holtzclaw, Margie Hughes, and Elaine Denson. Clara Nell Hargrove was the extremely able principal and Mike Findlay, the librarian. There were very few average or poor teachers at Miller in those days. Most were superlative!

Apparently I convinced my two daughters that some form of teaching was in their future. I’m delighted that Eden Richardson Clark serves as media and computer specialist at Peachtree Charter Middle School in Dunwoody. Kelley Richardson Hester is Head Women’s Golf Coach at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Suffice it to say that the thousands of students who touched my life during McEvoy, Willingham, and Southwest’s glory days continue to be a blessing to me. They occupy professional positions as well as staffing numerous schools, offices, hospitals, nursing homes, grocery stores, Kmart and Wal-Mart. In fact, the other event that caused me to write this article was the comment of a favorite student from the Class of ’85 (yes, we did have favorites — teachers are only humans). She recently exclaimed when we met at the Wal-Mart, and I quote: “Mrs. Richardson, I’m so glad to see you. Several of us were talking about you the other day and were wondering if you were still living!” Thankfully, I am, and so are many of your former teachers. “Reach out and touch” some of your favorites while they’re still alive to treasure the experience.

Wesleyan student Marnai Boose organized a week full of events for Habitat for Humanity from Tuesday, March 30 through Saturday, April 3.

The week began with a chair-building contest on Tuesday, March 30. Participants were allowed to use only cardboard and masking tape to build a chair within a 30-minute time frame. The chairs were then displayed throughout the week with coin jars on each for casting votes for the chair that would last the longest during the Friday, April 2 "chairbreak."

On Wednesday, Wesleyan hosted a speaker and video presentation in conjunction with Habifest — a national, student-led movement to raise awareness. Two of the wonderful folks from Macon Area Habitat came and spoke. They discussed many things, from the need for work such as Habitat does to how Wesleyan could become more involved. As a result of this meeting, Wesleyan was able to host a group of speakers from Bolivia later in the semester.

The grand finale of Habitat Awareness Week lasted from 5 p.m. Friday to noon Saturday. The evening's main event commenced with teams of up to four students gathered around the fountain to build Wesleyan's first ever Shanty Town. Students were provided with unlimited amounts of cardboard and masking tape with which to erect shelters to sleep in for the night for however long they could stand the cold. Judges visited all of the shanties and determined the best decorated. Participants also voted for the best attitude through her stay in Shanty Town. Students had until 7 p.m. to build, and then, at around 7:30 p.m., the Great Wesleyan "chairbreak" featured Wesleyan President Ruth Knox sitting in each chair until it broke. The chair that lasted the longest — "Our Favorite Plaid Armchair" constructed by Joanne Patterson and Stefanie Bethel — was declared the winner. The winning chair lasted more than two minutes, with President Knox even jumping up and down on it! Other winning chairs were: Best Decorated — "Ride the Pioneer Pony" constructed by Christine Morana and Tiffany Fant-Laskowski; Most Comfortable — "Play B" constructed by Casey Campbell; and First Break — "Untitled" constructed by Sydney Elkin.

After the chairbreak, students were given a half-hour break to use the restroom — it was their only chance unless they presented a bath-

room pass during the night. If anyone stepped foot out of the area's boundaries without presenting a pass, she was automatically disqualified from winning the grand prize. At 9 p.m. sharp, Shanty Stay began! With no modern conveniences, save one battery-operated radio, some students crawled into

their shanties and tried to sleep, but most gathered around the fountain and, as students always do at the heart of Wesleyan, they rediscovered the true meaning of sisterhood. Participants talked, laughed, joked, played games, shared food, and, eventually, backaches, and just had a great time. Some left early in the game, but by 2 a.m. a large portion of ladies remained. At 7 a.m., we still had everybody who had made it past 10:30 p.m. the night before! The group watched the sunrise together, worked together to break down Shanty Town, and then held a runoff — 10 trivia questions about Habitat for Humanity.

Shanty Town winners were: Best Decorated — "Fort Knight" constructed by Suzzi Biller, Ellie Catherwood, and Serena Catherwood; Best Attitude — Melynda Chesnut; Shortest Stay — Jazmine McKellar; and Grand Prize — Suzzi Biller.

The Rev. Mike Carswell of campus police graciously volunteered his time to provide security for the entire event. Also, Professor of Education Virginia Wilcox was the faculty overseer for the entire event and she secured prizes presented to the winners. Prizes for the Great Wesleyan Chairbuild were: Grand Prize — \$100 gift certificate from Lowe's; Most Comfortable — pillow from Beds & Bedding; First to Break — first-aid kit from Chi-Chester's; and Most Creative — set of chair art prints from Carol's Linens.

Prizes for Shanty Town were: Grand Prize — w. Chadwix spa day plus tanning package from Summer's Here; Wimp Award for Shortest Stay — Tae Kwon Do lessons at Karate for Kids; Best Attitude — party basket from Market Square; and Best Decorated — makeup session from Aveda Salons.



Homeless Knights

Students trade dorms for boxes during Habitat for Humanity Awareness Week

*Contributed by
Marnai Boose '06*



Women and Resilience

Wesleyan College hosted a Women's Studies Symposium, Women and Resilience, on Tuesday, March 30, in the Peyton Anderson Amphitheater.

The event began with an address by the keynote speaker, Idella Moore, founder of 4ERA and Georgia's ERA campaign network coordinator. Moore spoke on Purpose, Power, Passion — The ERA Redux. Lunch and a discussion of the play, *The Vagina Monologues*, followed her talk in the Manget Dining Room.

The remainder of the symposium was divided into two sessions, featuring presentations by Wesleyan students. The first session included talks by Nita Balmohan, Amanda Gluck, Petrona Salmon, and Sally Sutton,



Dr. Benesh presented Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award

Dr. Charles Benesh was awarded the Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award during the Honors Day Convocation April 15, 2004, in Porter Family Memorial Auditorium. Benesh, an associate professor of physics, earned his B.S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. from the University of Washington. Pictured with Dr. Benesh are Wesleyan President Ruth Austin Knox and Dr. Delmas Crisp, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College.

The Vulcan Materials Company fosters teacher excellence with its annual Vulcan Teaching Award. Since 1991, more than 100 teachers at Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges (GFIC) member institutions have received grants of \$1,000 in honor of their dedication to excellence in the classroom. GFIC is an association of Georgia's 28 fully accredited private colleges and universities. Through partnerships with these institutions and business and community leaders, GFIC supports private higher education in Georgia in the areas of public policy, fundraising for student financial aid and collaborative projects.

while the second session included presentations by Kashae Williams, Lauren Hamblin, Sylvia Gonsahn, and Katie Crozier.

Lamar Lecture

Author and scholar Catherine Clinton was the guest speaker for Wesleyan's Lamar Lecture Series on April 1 in the Porter Family Auditorium. Clinton presented the annual lecture on the life of Fanny Kemble, actress, abolitionist, and controversial author. Later that evening she led a discussion focusing on her latest book, *Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom*.

Bookstore wins company awards

The Wesleyan College Bookstore received an award for "Best Merchandising" out of College Bookstores of America's (CBA) 120 stores nationwide. The award was presented during the company's annual meeting held March 11–14, 2004, in Orlando, Florida. Beverly Jackson, bookstore manager, accepted the award on behalf of the college and Judy Toole, assistant manager of the bookstore.

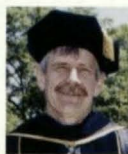
"I was shocked," Jackson said. "We have a small store compared to many of the company's stores, including those at large universities. It was truly an honor to win."

In addition to a plaque, Jackson received a \$100 cash award and was placed on the "High Achiever List" for CBA.

Staff members receive awards at conference

Cathie Loughran, computer services, received one of two awards presented to select members of the Quodus User's Group at the Jenzabar/Quodata Conference on June 13–16 at the Gaylor Palms Resort in Orlando, Florida. Loughran was presented this award for providing outstanding support to the user community, her vast knowledge of the product, and her membership on the Quodus Board.

Dawn Nash and Connie Jones of the Business Office also received awards for providing excellent presentations at the conference.



Rhoades receives United Methodist Teaching Award

Dr. Barry Rhoades was awarded The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United

Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award during Wesleyan's Annual Honors Day Awards. Rhoades, an associate professor of biology, earned his B.A. at Colorado College, his A.M. from the University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.



Longtime professor wins Excellence in Teaching Award

Dr. Marcile Taylor was presented the prestigious Ann Munck Award for Excellence

in Teaching at Wesleyan's Annual Honors Day Awards Convocation. Taylor is the DuPont Guerry Professor of History and Economics and holds the Knox Chair of Humanities at Wesleyan. Dr. Taylor earned her B.A. from Vanderbilt University and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. The Munck Award is named for longtime former faculty member, now Wesleyan professor emerita of English, Eunice Ann Munck.

Professor's first book published

Wesleyan College communication professor Dr. David Bobbitt's first book, *The Rhetoric of Redemption; Kenneth Burke's Redemption Drama and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' Speech*, was recently published by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

"This unique volume presents the historical context with stinging sharpness, reprising the verbal pyrotechnics and the continuing relevance of one of the most dramatic periods of American history," said Andrew King of Louisiana State University. "Those of us who lived through those apocalyptic days are astounded by Bobbitt's ear and the depth of his analysis. This book is a benediction."

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech has become an icon of American public culture, its imagery and words profoundly influencing the civil rights debate. In *The Rhetoric of Redemption*, Bobbitt applies Kenneth Burke's theory of guilt-purification-redemption in a close, critical analysis of the speech, developing and examining the implications of Burke's redemption drama in contemporary public discourse. He studies the impact of the speech over time, arguing that, while King's speech contains an inspirational vision of national redemption, it does so by omitting the real difficulties of overcoming America's racial divisions.

Before joining the Wesleyan faculty, Dr. Bobbitt's teaching experience included The University of Iowa, Louisiana State University, Memphis State University, and Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. He earned his Ph.D. in communication from Louisiana State University, an M.A. in communication studies from the University of Iowa, a M.A. in communication from Memphis State University and a B.S. in business administration from The University of Tennessee.

For more information on the book, visit the publisher's Web site at

www.rowmanlittlefield.com.

Athletes earn conference honors

Nearly 40 percent of our eligible winter and spring scholar-athletes earned all-academic conference honors this year. They include sophomore Brittany Joiner (center) from the basketball team, juniors Jessica Prince (pitcher) and Elizabeth Santos (catcher) on the softball team, and juniors Caroline Gregory (No. 3) and Nadisha Silva (No. 4) from tennis. The scholar-athlete with the highest GPA was freshman Morgan Felts, who will be eligible for conference academic honors next year.

Athletic Department receives grant

The development office has secured a \$55,000 grant from the Frances Wood Wilson Foundation to light the softball and soccer fields. With other funds in hand, too, work has begun on the field lighting systems. The addition of lights will mean that games can be played later in the evening, with more time for Wesleyan student-athletes to attend classes and labs.

Tennis

The tennis team finished their season at 4-8, ending with a loss to 2004 conference champs Piedmont College in the second round of the Great South Athletic Conference tournament. No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles player Morgan Felts was named to the all-freshman team. The team loses No. 1 singles and doubles player Sheree Sharpe, who graduated and will attend the M.A. program in mathematics at the University of Georgia this fall.

Softball

The softball team's record was 9-15 in the conference and 9-30 overall. The team lost to regular season co-champions Maryville College 1-0 in the GSAC tournament. Centerfielder Ashley Nelson was named to the all-freshman team. The team carried only nine players this season, and all will return except Holley Zeigler '04. With the addition of eight incoming recruits, including at least one pitcher, Head Coach Joanna Lane hopes to become a conference contender next spring.

Equestrian

Alumna rider Jasmyn Jones qualified for Hunter Seat nationals by placing second in alumni equitation on the flat (Class 9) at the Zone 5 championship held in Rome, Ga., in April. Jones then went on to place 10th at nationals.

Two student-athletes qualified for the Western Horsemanship Zone 5 Championship with strong finishes in the Region 3 Championship. Ashling Thurmond

earned reserve champion for beginner horsemanship (Class 11) for the region, and Katie Murphy earned reserve champion for advanced horsemanship (Class 14) for Region 3. Western Coach Melissa Williams won champion of alumni reining (Class 18) and reserve champion for alumni horsemanship (Class 17) while Vivia Exum became region champion of alumni horsemanship and reserve champion of alumni reining.

All four competed in the Zone 5 championship but did not place high enough to qualify for nationals. Ashling earned a fourth and Katie a sixth. Coach Williams placed fourth in alumni horsemanship and third in reining. Vivia Exum again traded her places with a third in horsemanship and fourth in reining.

Athletic Banquet honors

Several student-athletes earned team and college honors at the winter/spring sports banquet:

The tennis team won the team GPA award, which it has won since the award's inception in 1998, with a cumulative 3.4 GPA.

Softball pitcher Jessica Prince won the scholar-athlete award with a cumulative GPA of 3.72.

For her dedication to her sport and the athletic department, mid-fielder and soccer team tri-captain Megan Quinn was given the Pioneer Spirit Award.

Soccer, basketball, and softball player Michelle Wineman was given the multi-sport award for contributions on both fields and the court. Wineman was also named athlete-of-the-year for her leadership, work ethic, and dedication to each of these teams.

Basketball Most Valuable Player was Shannon Duncan; Most Improved Player was Dana Whipple; and Pioneer Pride Award was Michelle Wineman

Softball MVP was Elizabeth Santos; MIP was Jessica Prince; and Pioneer Pride was Ashley Nelson and Jessica Prince

Tennis MVP was Sheree Sharpe; MIP was Sequoia duCasse; and Pioneer Pride was Jennifer Lindsey

Equestrian Most Valuable Rider was Katie Murphy; Most Improved was Jessica Rowell; and Pioneer Pride was Lynne Davis.

Tennis lessons

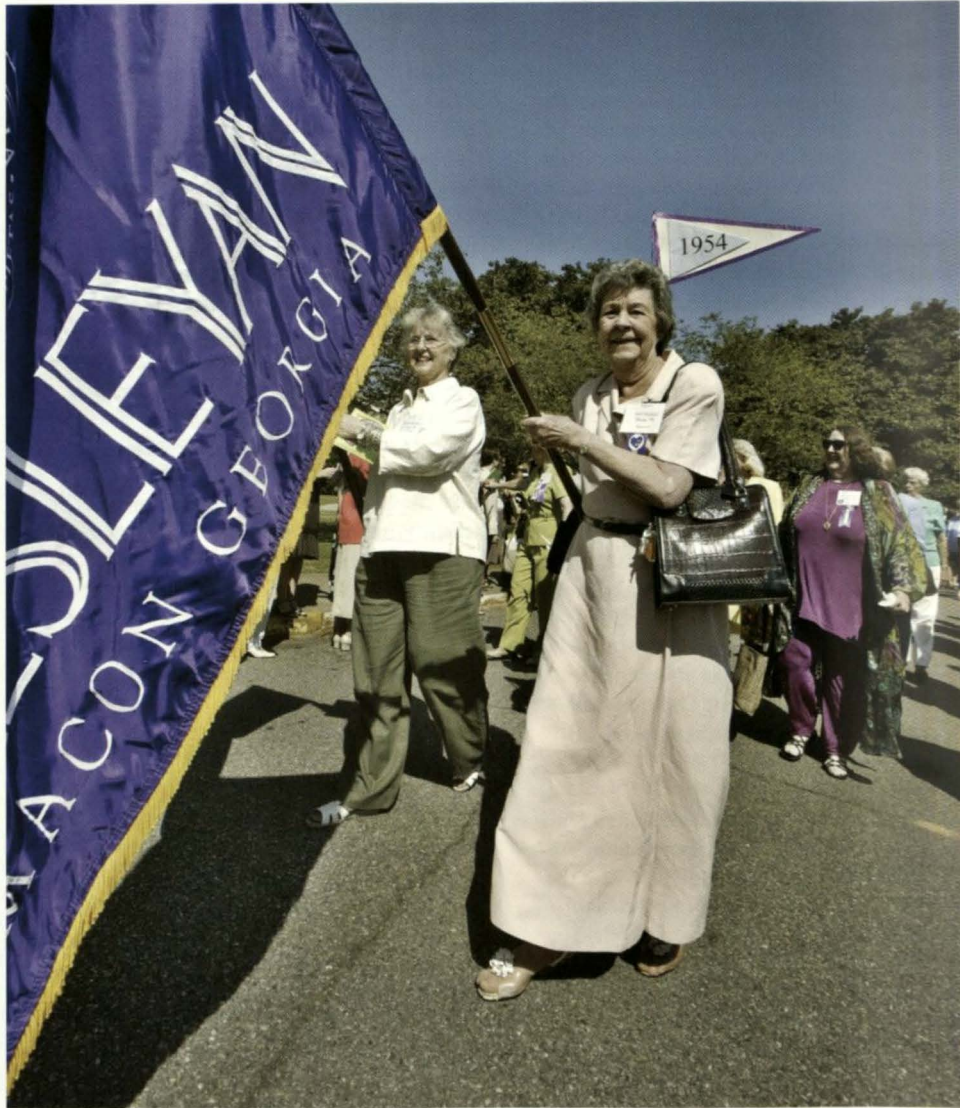
Assistant Tennis Coach Donald Clark, who joined the team this spring, has begun offering tennis lessons at the Mathews Fitness Center.

Call (478) 757-3774 for more dates, times and prices.



Watson Endows Scholarships

Delma Findlay Watson presents a gift to President Ruth Knox from the estate of her late husband, William A. Watson III. This gift completes Mr. Watson's pledge to endow the Delma Findlay Watson Communications Scholarship in honor of his wife, Delma '52. Mr. Watson created three endowed scholarships to honor the Wesleyan women in his life; the two previously funded scholarships are named for his grandmother, The Ida Crosland Nottingham Scholarship for English Majors, and his mother, The Vera Nottingham Watson Scholarship for Music Majors or Minors.





Alumnae Weekend 2004

Esprit de Corps: The Strength of Sisterhood

These are truly exciting and historic times at our beloved Wesleyan. Those of you who joined us for Alumnae Weekend saw and heard firsthand all of the wonderful things happening under the leadership of President Ruth Knox '75.

Alumnae Director Cathy Snow '71 and Alumnae Weekend Chair Virginia Ann Daniel Holman '75 put together a weekend enjoyed by all. The weekend began with the Golden Belle Luncheon honoring the Class of 1954. Other highlights of the weekend included class parties, "Conversation with the President," guided tours of Wesleyan's masterpieces, a reception at beautiful Bradley House, and "Wesleyan's Folklore, Legends and Stories," told as only Tena Roberts '60 can tell them.

Four impressive Wesleyan women were honored at the annual meeting. Eugenia Toole Glover '49, Lucy Guggenheimer Ross '64, Darcia Jones Francey '74 and Sherry Neal '96 all received alumnae awards. Wesleyan Librarian and Archivist Tena Roberts '60, who retired in June after 40 years of service to the college, was honored also.

Two exciting and historic announcements were made as well — the Wesleyan campus has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated as the Wesleyan Historic District, and the alumnae association pledged a significant gift to the *Leap of Faith* Campaign.

The National Register recognition comes after 10 years of perseverance by the alumnae association, which first sought the honor under past president Gloria Boyette '60. This honor is also due in large part to the hard work of Tena Roberts, who spearheaded the effort. Please plan to join us next April during Alumnae Weekend when we will unveil the marker on the front gate.

The Board of Managers voted to endow the Candler Building Fund with a pledge of more than \$600,000. The endowed fund will be used only to maintain the Candler Building, home of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association. The association wanted to make a bold statement to the anonymous donors that we have confidence in Wesleyan's future. Please consider what you can give in

order to make the "leap" with us.

As president of the alumnae association, I am privileged to serve on the planning committee for the inauguration of President Ruth Knox, scheduled for November 5–7, 2004. A great emphasis is being placed on alumnae involvement.

Please plan to join us when history is made, yet again, at the inauguration of one of our own as Wesleyan's president.

As you can see, exciting and, yes, historical things are happening at our alma mater. I invite you to return to campus and be a part of all of these times that we will never forget.

Debbie Stevenson Moses '89
President, Alumnae Association



**Mark your calendar for
Alumnae Weekend 2005
April 22, 23 & 24**

2005 Reunion Classes

1920	1950	1980
1925	1955	1985
1930	1960	1990
1935	1965	1995
1940	1970	2000
1945	1975	2004

Join your classmates for a special weekend at Wesleyan! Reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals but all alumnae are invited back to this and every Alumnae Weekend.

Alumnae Awards 2004



Eugenia Toole Glover '49, Distinguished Achievement in a Profession

Since graduating *magna cum laude* in 1949 from Wesleyan Conservatory with a double major in piano and organ, Eugenia Toole

Glover has pulled out all the stops in a life-long quest for musical excellence.

At the height of Eugenia's New York concert career in the 1960s, in an era when major New York churches traditionally hired only men, Eugenia rose to the top tier of her profession. But she never forgot her Wesleyan roots nurtured by Doris Jelks and other teachers. Both she and her brother and fellow Conservatory graduate, William Toole '49, are grateful for the Wesleyan music faculty's encouragement to continue their studies.

Eugenia earned her M.M. from the

Eastman School of Music and completed doctoral studies at Union Theological Seminary's School of Sacred Music. A Phi Beta National Artist Patron, she holds the Choir Master and Associate degrees of the American Guild of Organists and has done graduate study at Juilliard and Yale. In 1957 she founded the music department at Augusta College and wrote music for the college's alma mater.

While living in New York, Eugenia played at many of the largest churches and held positions at the Chapel of St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's School, The Congregational Church of Manhasset, Long Island, and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City. In 1968 she married the Rev. Mortimer W. Glover III, an Episcopal priest who became rector of St. Stephen's in New Harmony, Indiana, in 1976. In New Harmony Eugenia founded and directed the New Harmony

Festival of Music from 1977-89. For her efforts she received the "Outstanding Contribution to Music" award from Indiana's governor.

A virtuoso player, Eugenia has concertized in the United States and Europe, and has broadcast recitals over WNYC Radio and National Radio Pulpit in New York. She has been organist or conductor for *Musica Sacra* and the *Bach Cantata Series* (New York), the Spoleto Festival in Charleston and numerous other choral societies. Also an accomplished pianist, she has been a guest artist with symphonies and chamber orchestras and has accompanied leading singers in the country.

In 1989 the Glovers returned to Augusta, where Eugenia has been organist/music director of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church since 1994. In October 2002, Augusta State University paid tribute to Eugenia as founder of its music department with a gala event.



Lucy Guggenheimer Ross '64, Distinguished Achievement in a Profession

Lucy Guggenheimer Ross '64 is a pioneer educator and a woman of vision and courage whose professional life found focus in the early

years of her teaching career. With an A.B. in elementary education from Wesleyan, Lucy's experience as a teacher made her aware of the lack of resources and options available to students with learning disabilities.

Her experiences laid the groundwork for what would become New Vistas School, which Lucy founded in 1986. This remarkable institution in Lynchburg, Virginia, has made a dramatic difference in the lives of students and parents by creating a unique individualized educational program accessible to students struggling in the traditional

classroom setting. The goal of New Vistas is to help students make a successful re-entry into the educational mainstream. At New Vistas, students find a safe, nurturing environment where they overcome learning obstacles to regain self-confidence.

But overcoming funding and space for the school wasn't easy. However, Lucy's determination prevailed and she obtained both. When enrollment increased and a new building was needed, Lucy raised the money for it in six weeks. Serving as director and principal of New Vistas, Lucy was determined that that school not only would survive but thrive.

In 2001 others in the Lynchburg community helped her dream survive by establishing the Lucy Guggenheimer Ross Scholarship Fund in her honor. Income from the endowed fund will make a New Vistas education financially accessible to a

greater number of families.

Most graduates from New Vistas go on to some form of higher education. Now in its 18th academic year, the school boasts students in grades K-12. Lucy continues as director and focuses on admissions and development.

Lucy's commitment to serve the Lynchburg community goes well beyond her work at New Vistas. She has served as a board member and consultant for organizations with emphasis on learning disabilities. She is a board member of Elizabeth's Early Learning Center, Churches for Urban Ministry, and is active at St John's Episcopal Church. Her years of service with the Junior League of Lynchburg defined her role as a woman concerned with social issues. In June 2004, Lucy received the Humanitarian Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice.



Darcia Jones Francey '74, Distinguished Service to the Community

Recognized for outstanding volunteerism on behalf of the arts and social services in Brevard County, Florida, Darcia Jones Francey

is a model for service to her community. For nearly 30 years Darcia has chaired more than 400 fundraising events, raised more than five million dollars, founded or assisted in the founding of 12 service and support organizations, and motivated hundreds of volunteers in her hometown of Melbourne, Florida, and surrounding areas.

After graduating from Wesleyan with an A.B. in history and biology, Darcia earned her M.S. from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. She returned to Melbourne with her husband, John Francey,

in 1976, where she began serving on the volunteer board for the hospital auxiliary and the women's guild at Ascension Church. Those positions led to others with the symphony, local schools and colleges, the museum guild, the American Cancer Society, the Heart Association, Junior League, civic theatre, a shelter for abused children, the Space Coast Science Center ... just to name a few! With her energy, drive, organizational skills, and creativity, Darcia could have found success in any chosen career but decided instead to become a community volunteer. Now Darcia chairs more than 40 fund-raising events in a typical year, using her fund-raising expertise to benefit others.

Admired for her ability to bring the citizens of her community together in support of charitable causes, Darcia has a special talent for encouraging others to get involved.

The people of her community know when there's ground to be broken or lives to be mended, the money will be there thanks to Darcia and her unwavering dedication to raise funds for causes in her hometown.

In November 2002, Darcia received the prestigious Volunteer of the Year award from the *Florida Today* newspaper. This award is the highest honor given to someone who devotes his or her life to the good of Brevard County. Other honors include being named the 2000 March of Dimes Outstanding Woman, the 1999 Brevard Symphony Orchestra Volunteer of the Year, and the 1999 South Guild Volunteer of the Year. The Junior League and the Chamber of Commerce in Melbourne have also honored Darcia for her outstanding service to the community.



Sherry Virginia Neal '96, Young Alumna Award

In only eight short years since graduating *summa cum laude* from Wesleyan, Sherry Neal has earned her juris doctorate from

the University of Georgia School of Law; practiced law in the area of corporate, employment, and environmental litigation; directed the Grandparent Relative Caregiver Project and became an attorney with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society; taught college classes in business law at Wesleyan; written numerous articles for programs and publications; and found time to give generously of her time and talents to her community.

A staff attorney in the domestic relations unit of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Sherry practices primarily in the area of adoption law. As the director of the Grandparent Relative Caregiver Project, Sherry has a special concern for the needs of grandparents and other close relatives who care for minor children.

Her law practice is just the beginning of her engagement in civic matters. In addition to membership in the American Bar Association, State Bar of Georgia, State Bar

of Georgia Young Lawyers Division, and the Atlanta Bar Association, she is active in the Peachtree-Atlanta Kiwanis Club, National Association of Counsel for Children, Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, and Guardian ad Litem.

For her Kiwanis Club, Sherry coordinates "Rising Leaders," a program that provides leadership training and mentoring for at-risk high school students who have exhibited substantial academic improvement. As a guardian ad litem, Sherry investigates allegations in divorce and custody cases serving the interests of minor children. She also coordinates a mentoring program to assist new women attorneys for the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers. For her outstanding service Sherry has been awarded the Peachtree-Atlanta Kiwanis Club Distinguished Service Award (2001 and 2003), Georgia District Kiwanis International Outstanding Kiwanian Award (2001-02 and 2002-03), and the Young Lawyers Division Best Service to the Bar Award (2002-03).

Despite her fast-paced career, Sherry also writes numerous articles and makes frequent presentations on adoption, caregivers, and other legal issues for publications and

programs. She also makes time for Wesleyan. A former Alumnae Scholarship for Leadership recipient as a student in 1994, Sherry is one of the youngest members of Wesleyan's Society for the Twenty First Century and has enjoyed being an adjunct professor at her alma mater.

Now is the time to nominate for Alumnae Awards

Now is the time to nominate women who are deserving of alumnae honors for the year 2005. Awards include **Distinguished Achievement in a Profession and Distinguished Service to the Community, to the Church, or to Wesleyan College.** The **Young Alumna Award** recognizes outstanding achievement of an alumna under 40 years of age and who received her baccalaureate degree from Wesleyan. Forms for each of the award categories are available from the Alumnae Office by calling (478) 757-5172, or online at www.wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae. The deadline for nominations is January 10, 2005. Awards are presented each year during Alumnae Weekend.

Alumnae Club News

Atlanta, Georgia

Members of the Atlanta Club met for a Spring Luncheon in March at the Capital City Country Club. **Tena Roberts '60**, Wesleyan archivist and librarian, spoke to the group on Wesleyan Legends and Stories. College guests included **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**, alumnae director; **Pat Hammock Wall '70** and **Abbie Brannon '03**, advancement officers; and **Natalie Evans '02**, director of annual giving. In April, Atlanta Club members participated in Wesleyan Week at the Show House and served as docents for the 2004 Atlanta Symphony Decorators' Show House. **Sally Myhand Flannagan Neal '70** coordinated plans for this annual service project. Club President **Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt '71** reports plans for a club fund-raiser for *Leap of Faith* are underway. A concert featuring pianists Edward Eikner, Comer Professor of Fine Arts at Wesleyan, and **Neva Langley Fickling '55** is scheduled for October 17, 2004, at the Academy of Medicine in Atlanta. She encourages area alumnae to "save the date."



Living Legend: Wesleyan speaker Tena Roberts '60 (center) with Atlanta Club President Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt '71 (left) and Wesleyan College Alumnae Association President Debbie Stevenson Moses '89 at the Capital City Country Club.



Atlanta area alumnae enjoy lunch and "legends" at the Capital City Club in March.



Macon, Georgia

Members of the Macon Club supported the Wesleyan College Horse Show in April by providing concessions as a fund-raiser to benefit the Equestrian Center. **Abbie Brannon '03** coordinated efforts to raise funds and visibility for the Equestrian Center.

For more information about an alumnae club in your area or forming a new group, contact Cathy Snow, director of alumnae affairs, at (478) 757-5172 or e-mail csnow@wesleyancollege.edu.

East Central Florida

Area alumnae in East Central Florida held two luncheon/planning meetings in Melbourne this spring. In April, the group met at Island Pasta for an afternoon of Wesleyan fellowship. In June, the group met at Bella's to discuss plans for club activities that include a presidential visit from Ruth Knox in the fall and assisting with fund-raising activities for *Leap of Faith*. Members also congratulated one of their own, **Darcia Jones Francey '74**, who received the 2004 Alumnae Award for Service to the Community during Alumnae Weekend. Our thanks to **Jan Lawrence '80**, who coordinated plans for both events.



Springing into action: East Central Florida alums at Island Pasta. (Seated, from left) Sally Griffie Mehalko '67, Darcia Jones Francey '74 and Marilyn Shuler Buchannan '61. (Standing, from left) Jan Lawrence '80, Lindi Lemasters Lewis '80, and Janette Peronard Burke '77.



Summer planning session: Darcia Francey, Lindi Lewis, Peggy Jones Stanton '83, and Jan Lawrence in Melbourne.

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Alumnae met at the Sunset Café in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, for a Dutch Treat Luncheon coordinated by **Frances Cobb Hart '51**. Cathy Snow and Pat Wall shared news from the college with the group and updated alumnae on the state of the college.



Lakeside Ladies: Front row (from left): Pat Wall and Bonnie Gardner Barnes '54. Back row (from left): Frances Cobb Hart '51, Cathy Snow, Julia "Judy" Camp O'Neil '60, and Lucy Neeley Adams '56.

Asheville, North Carolina

Area alumnae met for luncheon at the Grovewood Café in Asheville. **Ann Hawkins Brosnan '52** coordinated plans for the event and served as an alumna hostess. Pat Wall and Cathy Snow were on hand to update alumnae on the state of the college.



Asheville area alumnae enjoy a mountain view from the Grovewood Café. Front row (from left): Anne Hawkins Brosnan '52. Back row (from left): Libby Lanier Campbell '70, Lindsay Abernethy '00, Faye Burner '77, Cathy Snow, Anne Carlton Blanchard '47, Pat Wall, Marie Wilson Turner '48, and Tracy Moneyhun-Lowther '01.

In Memoriam

Alumnae

- 1918 Myrtie Harris Tooke
- 1927 Virginia Childs Bootle
- 1928 Edna Jackson Graham
Charlie Pinkston
- 1929 Libby Dykes LeVeille
- 1930 Helen Clisby Barfield
- 1931 Mary Luke Oliver
Mary Roba Jackson Wynn
- 1933 Dorothy Lombard Anderson
- 1934 John William Lewis
Carolyn Wilson Ruffo
- 1935 Elizabeth Stayer Hendryson
Zoë Rozar Moore
- 1937 Katherine Wink Fincher
Ortrude Parks Lemke
- 1939 Edith Hillman Gerhardt
- 1940 Marie Porter Newby
Emily McGee Peddy
- 1942 Ruth Reid Powell
Jeanette "Jeanie" Fluker Stewart
Emily Whitaker Vickers
- 1944 Jonell Robinson
Patricia Childs Solomon
Frances Ansley Walsh
Harriet Dasher Watkins
- 1945 Helen Walker Clark
- 1946 Rebecca Godwin Peterson
- 1947 Ann Hoyle Hill
- 1948 Hattie Baker Richter
- 1949 Frances "Frankie" Florence Bentley
- 1950 Joan Routso Davidson
- 1952 Janet Dolores Howell
- 1954 Cornelia "Neal" Thornton Hawley
Jean Thrasher Kennedy
- 1955 Florence Cameron Weaver
- 1958 Sara Kuhn Haughton
Georgia Rider
- 1960 Cecile Carroll Childs
Andrea Zunzer Hallahan
- 1961 Nancy Castleberry Garrison
- 1969 Chris Philp
- 1980 Tamela Grinstead-Relyea
- 1988 Angela Hope Kent
- 1990 Paulette Moeller Link

Friends of the College

Bartow Randolph Snooks, Jr.
Trustee 1985-2002
William Bates Hambright, Sr.
Trustee 1977-1997

Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

Elsie Lowden Maxwell Hambright '34 of Macon on the death of her husband, William "Bill" Bates Hambright, Sr., a former Wesleyan trustee, on July 3, 2004.

Anne Brooks Bazemore '39 of Tennille, Ga., on the death of her husband, Gordon Bazemore, on March 9, 2004.

Frances Barnes Grant '42 of Macon, on the death of her husband, George C. Grant, on May 5, 2004.

Anne Carlton Blanchard '47 of Swannanoa, N.C., on the death of her husband, the Rev. Richard "Dick" Blanchard, on April 21, 2004.

Marian Lewis Gordon '49 of Macon, on the death of her husband, M. Royce Gordon, on April 4, 2004.

Kate Haywood Robinson '49 of Friendswood, Texas, on the death of her husband, Alfred G. "Robby" Robinson, on May 22, 2004.

Becky Dodd Hollady '51 of Tallahassee, Fla., on the death of her husband, the Rev. Austin E. Hollady, on April 1, 2004.

Mayson Thornton Bissell '53 of Cordele, Ga., on the death of her sister, **Cornelia "Neal" Thornton Hawley '54**, also of Cordele, on April 11, 2004.

Grace Maxwell Sparrow '53 of Macon on the death of her husband, Julian "Red" Sparrow, on December 18, 2003.

Patsy Davison Baehr '54 of Orlando, Fla., on the death of her mother, Margaret Davison, on November 28, 2003.

Jacquelyn Burton Cook '54 of DeSoto, Ga., on the death of her husband, J. N. Cook, on October 13, 2003.

Emily Cook Fawcett '54 of Atlanta, on the death of her husband, William K. Fawcett, on May 12, 2004.

Joyce Paris '54 of Decatur, Ga., on the death of her mother, Mary Foote Simmons Paris, on February 20, 2004.

Margaret Moody Iwamoto '58 of Newnan, Ga., on the death of her mother, Margaret Howell Passolt Moody, on February 29, 2004.

Zoë Moore Turner '58 of Anniston, Ala., on the death of her mother, **Zoë Rozar Moore '35** of Asheville, N.C., on October 7, 2003.

Laura Davis Patterson '59 of Atlanta, on the death of her husband, L. R. "Ray" Patterson, on November 5, 2003.

Carol Rollins Harrison '62 of Blairsville, Ga., on the death of her mother, Lois D. Rollins of Jacksonville, Fla., on May 29, 2003.

Nancy Moore Rentz '67 of Atlantic Beach, Fla., on the death of her mother, **Zoe Rozar Moore '35** of Asheville, N.C., on October 7, 2003.

Marilyn Vickers '67 of Athens, Ga., on the death of her mother, **Emily Whitaker Vickers '42** of Macon, on April 25, 2004.

Susan A. Cobleigh '68 of Decatur, Ga., on the death of her father, Clarence Henry "Hank" Cobleigh, Jr., a highly decorated veteran, on April 30, 2004.

Wanda Saltmarsh Hopkins '70 of Atlanta, on the death of her husband, Lindsey Hopkins, III, on May 8, 2004.

Ellen Cobleigh Tomter '71 of Watkinsville, Ga., on the death of her father, Clarence Henry "Hank" Cobleigh, Jr., a highly decorated veteran, on April 30, 2004.

Kit Johansen Welch '71 of McDonough, Ga., on the death of her son, Hunter Johansen Welch, on March 1, 2004.

Becky Jones Brock '72 of Lafayette, Ga., on the death of her father, Lyle Jones, in March 2004.

Carol Ann Blanchard Hood '73 of Franklin, N.C., on the death of her father, the Rev. Richard "Dick" Blanchard, on April 21, 2004.

Lynn Bissell Reed '76 of Raleigh, N.C., on the death of her aunt, **Cornelia "Neal" Thornton Hawley '54**, of Cordele, Ga., on April 11, 2004.

Annie-Laurie Brennan Wynn '80 of Lakeland, Fla., on the death of her mother-in-law, **Mary Roba Jackson Wynn '31**, also of Lakeland, on April 2, 2004.

Claire Peterson Schwall '82 of Atlanta, on the death of her mother, **Rebecca Godwin Peterson '46**, of Ailey, Ga., on May 28, 2004.

Cynthia Bell '83 of Suwanee, Ga., on the death of her mother, Edna Benefield Bell, on January 6, 2004, and the death of her father, James Oliver Bell, Jr., on January 9, 2004.

Erin James '02 of Decatur, Ga., and her mother, **Barbara Gaskins James '75**, of Fayetteville, Ga., on the death of Erin's grandmother and Barbara's mother-in-law, Jacquelyn McWhite James, widow of Dr. Joseph B. James, former dean of Wesleyan College on May, 16, 2004.

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Mary Ann "Polly" Pollard '60, who married **Calvin Houghland** on September 4, 2003, at their home in Brentwood, Tenn.

Jacqueline Webb '79 of Grayson, Ga., who married **Larry Bullard** of Boone, N.C., on July 5, 2003.

Crystal Wright '94 of Ashburn, Ga., who married **Charles Dean** in June 2003.

Piper Allen '98 of Macon, who married **James Bradley Sink Ellis** on April 17, 2004. The couple will make their home in North Carolina.

Carrie Walker '99 of Fayetteville, Ga., who married **Joe Dumm** on July 12, 2003. Classmate **Amanda Marine '99** served as bridesmaid. Also in attendance were **Teresa Lawson '97** and **Julie Bailey '00**.

Dorothy Marie Whittington '99 of Winder, Ga., who married **Joshua Hulan Bailey** on May 29, 2004.

Deborah Berryman '00 of Rome, Ga., who married **Abeed Bawa** on March 27, 2004.

Wendy Dianne Hitchcock '00 of Macon, who married **Eric Brandon Arnold** on April 3, 2004.

Melissa Kaye Bowen '01 of Warner Robins, Ga., who married **Philip Brown** of Milledgeville, Ga., in the Oval Hall of Wesleyan College on May 15, 2004.

Hannah Katherine Gandy '03 of Macon who married **John Charles Fleckenstein, IV** of Forsyth, Ga., on July 31, 2004. The couple will reside in Forsyth.

Kimberly Neville '05 of Macon, who married **Thomas Wayne Robertson** on May 15, 2004.

Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Susan Dempsey '82 and **Becky Nelson '84** of Roswell, Ga., on the adoption of their second daughter, **Jemma Dempsey Nelson**, in March 2004. Big sister, **Sylvia (3)**, is good at making her bottle and finding a pacifier!

Holly Thorp Heath '85 and husband **Ben Anderson** of Albany, Ga., on the birth of a son, **Benjamin Daniel Anderson, Jr.**, on August 21, 2003. He is the grandson of **Sally Thorp Heath '57** and **Frank** of Floral City, Fla.

Jenny Carswell Stafford '86 of Jacksonville, Ala., on the birth of a daughter, **Meredith Amelia**, in 2003. **Meredith Amelia** is **Jenny's** second child.

Vanessa Allred Miller '90 and **Eric** on the birth of a son, **Daniel James Miller**, on December 30, 2003. **Vanessa**, **Eric**, big brothers **Stephen** and **Conrad**, and baby **Daniel** live in Fayetteville, N.C.

Jennifer Johnson '92 and husband **Mark Riggs** of Okolona, Miss., on the birth of a daughter, **Adrianna Hope Riggs**, on March 25, 2003. **Calvin** is a doting big brother!

Sharon Bressoud Mladucky '92 and **Chuck** of Tampa, Fla., on the birth of a son, **Ethan Charles**, in January 2004. **Linda Willson '64** of Jacksonville, Fla., is the proud grandmother.

Holly Sauls Rizzuto '93 and **Peter** of Dix Hills, N.Y., on the birth of twins, **Francesca** and **Vincent**, on November 23, 2003. Big brother **Dominic** is very excited about his new siblings. **Holly** and **Peter** will be moving the family to Allentown, Penn., in August 2004.

Jenny Pozo Pfefferkorn '95 and **Karl** of Longmont, Colo., on the birth of a son, **Jackson Collyer Pfefferkorn**, on September 22, 2003.

Barbara Robinson-Gallay '95 and **David** of Madison, Wis., on the birth of a daughter, **Amaya Lee Gallay**, in August 2003.

Melissa Lockert Lain '00 and **Scott** of Nashville, Tenn., on the birth of a son, **Anthony William Lain**, on February 23, 2004.

Hannah Harrell Martin '03 and **Jason** of Gray, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, **Molly**, in January 2004.

Laura-Lee Williams McCranie '00 and **Samuel** of Perry, Ga., on the birth of a son, **William Samuel McCranie**, on January 18, 2004.

Portrait of Wesleyan's Third President Donated to College



Artist **Kay Watkins Hanson '61** (left) and **Mary Taylor** unveil portrait.

Mary Myers Taylor of St. Simons Island represented the descendants of the Reverend **Edward Howell Myers**, Wesleyan's third president, last fall when she presented a portrait of her great-grandfather to Wesleyan College. The ceremony took place in the Benson Room in the Candler Alumnae Center. Mrs. Taylor, recently deceased, commissioned the charcoal portrait by St. Simons Island artist and Wesleyan alumna **Kay Watkins Hanson '61**. The portrait now hangs in the presidential gallery located in Tate Hall.

Myers, born in Orange County, New York, moved to Florida with his family as a child. He graduated from Randolph-Macon College in Virginia, tutored at Emory at Oxford and was ordained by the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church. Reverend **Myers** served a variety of congregations in Georgia, including Cumberland Island, Darien, Milledgeville, and Washington.

In 1846, he accepted a position as a professor at Wesleyan and was elected president of the college in 1851 at the age of 36. He left Wesleyan after three years to become the editor of *The Southern Christian Advocate*, but later returned in 1872 to serve as president for two more years.

Following his retirement from Wesleyan, Reverend **Myers** served as pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Savannah, where he died during a yellow fever epidemic.



Class of 1929: Mary Lester Brooks.



Class of 1934: Julia Munroe Woodward.



Class of 1939: Mimi Cordes Kelley.

1910s

Margaret Greer Sammons '18 is 105 and "has now touched life in three different centuries. She still goes to the beauty parlor every Friday," writes (Macon) *Telegraph* columnist Bill Boyd, whose "Old Age is not for Sissies" column listed Margaret as one of Middle Georgia's oldest living residents. Wesleyan lists her, too, as one of our oldest living alumnae. Margaret resides in Hillsboro, Georgia, with her daughter, **Saralyn Sammons '40**. Another centenarian, **Jewell Hall Ray Penland '80** (100 years old last October) also made the column. Jewell graduated from Wesleyan at the age of 76.

1920s

The Atlanta Medical Heritage recognized **Irene Sewell Hobby '22**, wife of the late Dr. A. Worth Hobby, in March by naming a room in The Academy of Medicine in her honor. The building's auxiliary room is now known as the Irene S. Hobby Room. Mrs. Hobby is a past president of the Medical Association of Atlanta Alliance, which is the women's medical auxiliary. She remembered her years of service and paid tribute to the auxiliary's work before a crowd of family and friends that included her son and grandson and many guests from Wesleyan.

On January 16, **Mary Bryan Weaver Arnold '27** celebrated her 98th birthday by spending the day with her daughter, Juliette Grievell, an artist and portraitist. They saw "The Passion of the Christ," which was "a great blessing," according to Mary. Her son, Hays, was elected mayor of Thomaston in 2003. Mary has 5 "grands" and 8 "greats" — all very special to her. She says that she is "blessed beyond measure."

She traveled from Atlanta to attend the Golden Belles Luncheon and was glad she did. **Annie Mays Larmore '28**, recognized for being the oldest alumna attending the luncheon, enjoyed seeing Wesleyan friends.

1929 (75th Reunion)

Mary Lester Brooks '29 of Atlanta celebrated her 75th reunion in style. Daughter **Mary Brooks McCarthy '65** accompanied her to Macon, along with Atlanta friends **Annie Mays Larmore '28**, **Mary Rudisill Trippe '33**, and **Jean Pim Kinsman '46**, making her reunion even more special.

1930s

"Talking books are my salvation," writes **Rena Winslow Harris '34** from Cuthbert, Georgia. Despite her failing eyesight, Rena loves to receive the *Wesleyan Magazine*. Her sons keep her up-to-date by reading her all the latest from the "Oldest and Best."

1934 (70th reunion)

Julia Munroe Woodward '34 of Quincy, Florida, held the Class of 1934 Purple Knight banner high during Alumnae Weekend. Honored at the annual meeting for being the oldest alumna in attendance, "Miss Julia" also lit the candle of her niece, **Julia Claire Munroe '04**. Maconite **Mary Richardson Register '34** hosted a reunion dinner party for classmates and other Wesleyan friends at Carlyle Place. **Elsie Lowden Hambright '34** wished that more classmates could have attended the reunion and agreed that the dinner was truly a lovely affair.

Louise Wilson Henderson '38 has big news to report: "After living in Albany, Georgia, for over 50 years, I have built a new house in Cordele, where I have moved to be close to family — especially my daughter, Patricia, and her husband, Wayne Nipper. What a job to move after so long a time in one place!"

From her home in Atlanta, **Harriette Friedman Krugman '38** writes that her granddaughter, Elise Vincens, is getting her master's at Harvard Business School. Granddaughter Claire Rachelson has recently returned from South Africa, where she served as a volunteer working with baby lions.

"**Mary Jim Peters Carter** of Macon, **Lib Brogden Tart** of Valdosta, **Martha Beaty Ray** of Atlanta, and I thoroughly enjoyed our return to campus in 2003," says **Joe Estes Sherrill '38**, who had hoped to see more of her classmates present. "We were able to attend with the help of our children."

Bernardine "Bunny" Smith Thomas '38 is living the active life at her continuing care retirement center in New Orleans. She walks a mile six days a week and always credits Wesleyan with the habit of walking outdoors early in the morning.

May White Walker ('38 HON) lives in Macon and still attends many events at Wesleyan. May was a physical education teacher at Wesleyan from 1931–1938. She remains a good friend to members of the Class of 1938, who, through the work of **Ann Munck '38**, voted to make May an honorary member of their class.

1939 (65th Reunion)

Golden Hearts understand the power of one. **Mary Louise "Mimi" Cordes Kelley '39** of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, thoroughly enjoyed the reunion, even though she was the only one representing her class. Mimi drove up from the beach herself and presented her class gift on stage with great pride.

Of her six children, **Martha Zachry Thwaite '39** writes: "Charles and Betsy Thwaite are living on St. Simons Island. Mary Jane and Zack

Thwaite, Lila Thwaite McAlpin and her husband, Kirk, and Walter Thwaite (my youngest) and his wife, Laura, all live in Atlanta with their families. Martha and husband Steve Weeks live in New Jersey, and James and Gina Thwaite live in Macon!"

1940s

Bettye Withers Barnes '42 and her husband, Ben, feel blessed to have the health and energy to continue to work in outreach for their church. Both of them work through Union Mission. Bettye especially supports the culinary arts program, where homeless men and women spend 18 weeks in study and practice at the Bread and Butter Café before taking full-time jobs at other food programs.

There is happy news from Bogart, Georgia, where **Irma King Guest '42** reports that she is the proud great-grandmother of her fifth great-granddaughter.

Louie Woodward Marshall '42 enjoyed being at Wesleyan in March for the induction of her aunt, Emily Woodward, into Georgia Women of Achievement. She says, "The dining hall is just as beautiful as when I worked for Miss Rozar arranging 26 vases of flowers for the tables, making aprons for the cooks, assembling coffee bags for the urns, etc. Working in the old library sure was more fun!"

Her namesake has given her another namesake! **Mary Stewart Becking McClain '42** of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, is pleased to report that her granddaughter, **Mary Stewart Glendenning Lewis '92** and her husband, Matthew, have moved to Signal Mountain with their son, Charles Becking "Beck" Lewis. Beck is the grandson of **Karin Smith Glendenning '67**.

Alice Burrowes Ritter '42 says that Georgia is "on my mind" when she is waiting for spring in snowy Rochester, New York. She especially misses "the beautiful corner of Georgia that is the beloved Wesleyan campus" and wishes that she could be there.

"Hey girls! What's on your schedule? I'm living in the white house just outside of McRae on Highway 280. Drop by or blow your horn when you pass by," writes **Ruby Maloy White '42**. Ruby stays "on the go" and keeps busy with the library, nursing home, church, and lunch bunch. She also loves birthdays.

1944 (60th Reunion)

*They felt like golden girls all over again, according to members of the Green Knight Class of '44, who celebrated a happy 60th with a Friday night "Laugh-In" class party at the Fairfield Inn. Reunion chair **Mary Frances Robertson Marlin '44** of Chattanooga, Tennessee, original-*



Class of 1944: Row 1: Alda Alexander Harper, Frances Sanders Richter, Elizabeth Rycroft Wood, French Dekle Kelsey. Row 2: Mary Frances Robertson Marlin, Sarah Glover Osgood, Martha Harrison Middlebrooks, Lucia Lindsey Smith.

*ly made plans for a small group that grew larger and larger as the reunion approached. Our thanks to **Helen Farmer Popejoy**, who served as class liaison. With friends and family joining in the fun, GK classmates spent time together again for a weekend filled with 60 years of Wesleyan memories.*

"Our 60th reunion (can you believe it has been that long?) was a great success, even though we missed all who did not attend. Congratulations to **Mary Frances Robertson Marlin '44**, who did a wonderful job representing our class this year and stole the show at the annual meeting of the alumnae association with her witty remarks! **French Dekle Kelsey '44**, my husband, Don, and I traveled together to Macon and had a glorious time. The campus is beautiful and the remodeling of the Olive Swann Porter building is spectacular. We were entertained royally at the luncheon and at all events, which were professionally planned and beautifully executed. I will ever be in debt to Wesleyan, where I met my husband 58 years ago," writes **Sarah Glover Osgood '44**, from Jacksonville, Florida.

Winifred Bosch Titterton '45 is enjoying life on the north fork of Eastern Long Island, New York. She stays busy as a volunteer with the Riverhead Library, treasurer for the Friends of the Library, past president of the Riverhead Woman's Club, and as a member of a "mucho fun" Red Hat Society. Winifred's six grandchildren range in age from 25 to 6 years.



Alumnae carry the Wesleyan spirit of service to others in their community. **Jean Overstreet Adams '43** and **Dot Herndon Arnold '45**, along with their husbands, Clyde Adams and Dr. McAlpin Arnold, were recognized recently for their leadership in founding a new component of the Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation in Elberton, Georgia, known as the Founders' Society.



Class of 1949: Row 1: Jerrye Griffeth Short, Jane Morgan Hogan, Marcella DiVenuto Wood, Mary Launius Beauchamp, Betty Atwater, Anne Strozier Threadgill, Eugenia Toole Glover. Row 2: Virginia Callaway Beckmann, Betty Stanley Butler, Julia Weathers Wynne, Pat Johnson Childs, Louise Futrelle Dodd, Betty Mackay Asbury, Ruby Layson, Marion Allison Webb. Row 3: Carolyn Wood Solana, Nadine Cranmer Read, Beverly Banks Boland, Becky Watson Bowdre, Martha Groover Staples, Margaret Duckworth Sewell, Georgiana Hsueh Yang. Row 4: Julianne McDaniel Perry, Wayne Aiken Burdell, Mary McKay Stephan, Wilhelmenia Taylor Nesbit, Emmie Carlton Johnson, Dot Stubbs Hollingsworth, William F. Toole, Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn, Roslyn Atkinson Harden, Louise Fowler Gartrell, Beverly Folsom Dyer, Clara "Sit" Hillis Schenke, Betty Willis Brown. Not Pictured: Emily Hancock Bredeson, Mimi Roads Griffith.

Lou Matteson Jones '46 is looking forward to July, when her granddaughter, **Dora Ward '94**, returns from her job in South Africa. Dora has been working at an AIDS orphanage. She plans to join her sister at Cornell University and work on her doctorate after she returns.

"I have moved to an apartment in Atlanta and I love it!" That's what we hear from **Jean Pim Kinsman '46**. Jean still attends Park Street UMC Church in Atlanta. She's proud of her son, Steve, his wife, Judy, and their two great children, but she misses her sister, **Dorothy Anne Pim Roth '44**.

Mobile resident **Emily Bell McNally '46** received the Joe Jefferson Players Lifetime Achievement Award for her volunteer work on and off the stage. She co-founded the Joe Jefferson Players (JJP), the oldest continuing community theater in Alabama, 56 years ago. The veteran actress has graced off-Broadway stages in New York, toured with the Barter Theater of Virginia (the first state theater in the country), toured with Peter Marshall in the Theatre of Stars' presentation of *Music Man*, taught creative drama at her Emily Bell School of Speech, and landed parts in two movies, one starring Cicely Tyson. Taking her love of the-

ater to two cities, her hometown of Mobile and Atlanta (where she and her husband lived for many years), Emily returned to Mobile in 1998 and continued her work with JJP, where she founded a support group for the theater called the Joe Jefferson Players Fans. Descended from a long-line of Wesleyannes, Emily's grandmother, Annie Balkcom Powell, was a house-mother at the Conservatory from 1912-1916. Other Wesleyan family members include her mother, **Annie Pet Powell '16**, sister **Jean Bell Greaves '39**, half-sister **Winifred Stiles Bell '67**, and step-mother **Winifred Lane Stiles Bell '30**. Also, Emily and **Jo Patterson Bettoja '46** have remained good friends throughout the years. Jo visits Emily every year and Emily has been to Rome to visit Jo numerous times.

It's been an exciting year for **Margaret Derby Champlin '47** of Los Angeles, California. She and her husband, Charles, became great-grandparents three times over!

After a 16-year tenure, **Betsy Chipman Kaplan '47** is not seeking re-election to the Miami-Dade County School Board. She hopes to continue as an advocate for including the arts in education.

In April, **Patsy Stapp Nadon '47**, her husband and daughter had an exciting trip to Tibet. They visited many monasteries, temples, and other points of interest, rode Yaks, and even visited the base camp at Mt. Everest (at an altitude of 17,500 feet) from which those who are going to climb the mountain start their journey.

Jane Anne Mallet Settle '47 of Jackson, Georgia, had a recent visit with roommate **Happy Loeb Feeney '47** and her husband at their home on Tampa Bay. Jane joined them for a bit of Caribbean cruising as well. Jane attended the memorial service for Dick Blanchard, well-known and loved Methodist minister and the husband of **Anne Carlton Blanchard '47**.

Along with a number of other artists' works, nine paintings of **Eugenia Corley Simmons '47** were included in the *Macon Sketchbook* published in Fall 2003.

Several Wesleyannes enjoyed a few days in Cascais, Portugal, before leaving Lisbon on *The Seaborne Legend* to cruise to the Canary Islands, Morocco, and Saville. **Kathryn Stiles Stribling '47** and husband Marion celebrated their 57th anniversary in Casablanca. **Doreen Stiles Poitevint '69** enjoyed a relaxing time before assuming her duties as a new member of the University of Georgia Board of Regents. **Richie Stiles Whitaker '60** and **Martha Carter Middlemas '58** are longtime friends and travel together often. Richie has owned Cypress Travel Center for 21 years and specializes in European destinations.

"My husband and daughter visited Wesleyan's campus in March 2004 and reported that everything was beautiful," writes **Frances Heslington Walker '47**, who lives in Hollywood, Florida.

"I'm looking forward to returning to campus for our 60th reunion!" says **Margie Burton Dixon '48** of Richmond, Virginia.

Roberta Sullivan Pierson '48 is delighted to report that her family continues to grow. She has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Claire (8) and Jonathan (1).

1949 (55th Reunion)

With more than enough Pirates to run the ship, members of the Class of '49 lived up to their reputation and returned in large numbers (nearly 40 strong) for a weekend devoted to sisterhood. Many thanks to **Margaret Duckworth Sewell '49** of Atlanta, who served as reunion chair, and to **Louise Futrelle Dodd '49**, who hosted a Friday night class party at her Macon home. Classmates met on campus in the Hurdle Café for Saturday's class party. Class president **Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn** also served as class liaison and presented the class gift. The Class of

pride soared to even greater heights, when conservatory classmate **Eugenia Toole Glover '49** received the 2004 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement. Eugenia's brother, **William Toole '49**, presented the award to her at the annual meeting.

Emily Hancock Bredeson '49 and husband Don had a great time at the reunion. They have 12 grandchildren now. "Granddaughter Jim Ward of Macon married Wade Williamson, also of Macon, on December 13 at Lovely Lane Chapel in Epworth on St. Simons Island."

"I am happy to report that I am a two-year survivor of ovarian cancer. To God be the glory," declares **Betty Willis Brown '49**.

"I have joined many of you who have moved to senior communities," writes **Peggy Carswell '49** of Macon. She enjoys life in "gracious retirement living." Peggy had to miss Alumnae Weekend but says "hello to all." She also may have a **Wesleyan First** that concerns a certain "Miss Agnes" — a Hampshire piglet Peggy raised that grew too big for life in Buckhead. Peggy moved Miss Agnes to a pig farm in Buford and started breeding her. Five breeding sows and many piglets later, Peggy surmises that, perhaps, she is the first "pig farmer" to graduate from Wesleyan.

Maconite **Louise Futrelle Dodd's ('49)** new cookbook, *Eating — from the White House to the Jail House*, is hot off the press. The 300-page hardback book (spiral bound inside) features Louise's life collection of recipes from her travels everywhere. Each recipe has a story and Louise says, "If you like to cook, it's a recipe book with stories (including some about Wesleyan and Wesleyan friends). If you abhor cooking, it's a story book with recipes." She hopes some of you will remember Mrs. Waterhouse's prune whip from Home Ec 101. Louise gives Wesleyan the credit for giving her the confidence to do such a venture. In addition, Mercer University Press recently commissioned Louise to write a book on peaches. To order a copy of the cookbook, contact ldodd@courier-herald.com.

Congratulations to **Eugenia Toole Glover '49** who received the 2004 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession during Alumnae Weekend. Eugenia continues to serve as director of music and organist at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Augusta, Georgia. She is active in many community organizations and continues to concertize. (See article on page 22.)

Betty Buntyn Googe '49 has realized a dream come true. Her nephew built her a house near Savannah on Tybee Island, Georgia. When she and husband Joe are not at the beach, they live in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Hurricane Juan didn't rain on their trip when **Mildred "Mimi" Roads Griffith '49** and her husband, Jim, went to Nova Scotia. They managed to stay a day and a half ahead of the storm and found the scenery absolutely breathtaking.

"I loved being at our 55th. There were 36 of us from the college. We had two great class parties," writes **Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn '49** from Jacksonville, Florida. She and David have been married almost 20 years. They each have three children and between them they have 13 grandchildren; David even has one "great." Mary Lane's son just got married and she also has two new step-grandsons. "David and I hoped to embark on one last sailing trip to the Bahamas, but are not going to make it. We hate to call it quits ... maybe we'll go to Fernandina or St. Simons," reports Mary Lane.

Though she was sorry to miss the reunion this year, **Betty Strom Marlow '49** of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, sends greetings to her classmates. Betty and her husband, William, are enjoying their new home in the Riverwoods retirement community.

"So sorry I couldn't make the 55th reunion — we were digging out from under 16 inches of snow!" That's the word from **Faith Munford Price '49** of Guffey, Colorado. Faith says that she and Everett "love living on our Colorado mountains ... usually!"

She missed seeing her classmates at the 55th reunion, but **Jane Chandler Rhodes '49** of Siloam, Georgia, still had a Wesleyan reunion of sorts. While she and her husband of 53 years, Mutt, were on a Panama Canal cruise, Jane met a Wesleyanne who had attended on a Madam Chiang Kai-shek scholarship. Small world!

Anne Strozier Threadgill '49 of Greenville, Georgia, has finished co-editing *Heritage Book of Meriwether County*, which includes stories of about 1,000 families, as well as schools, towns, churches, military etc. "I hope Dr. Ginn is looking down knowing I'm not only a 'sassy brat' — I thought I was always too afraid of him for this part of me to shine through!" Anne's great-grandson, Seth Strickland, is almost 3 and her mother will be 100 in January 2005. There are currently five living generations in her family.

Due to her husband's illness, **Marcella Di Venuto Wood '49** has retired at age 75, but she remains active with education in pediatrics in Atlanta.

Julia Weathers Wynne '49 enjoys her work as a substitute teacher in area elementary schools. She still volunteers with the Atlanta Symphony and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and traveling.



Traveling Friends: From left: **Richie Stiles Whitaker '60**, **Kathryn Stiles Stribling '47**, **Doreen Stiles Poitevint '69** and **Martha Carter Middlemas '58** in Portugal.

1950s

From Stone Mountain, Georgia, **Martha Hayes Blackwell '51** writes, "I often think of my Golden Heart classmates." Martha is retired and owned her own business for 27 years. These days she has fun with her dogs at shows. Volunteer church work, two married sons, and four grandchildren also keep her busy.

Daisy Weathers Boswell '51 has "weathered" a lot of change in the last few years. After her husband died in 2001, she moved to Massachusetts to be near her younger son and his family. Her older son and his family live in Spokane, Washington, and her daughter and family live near Chicago. Daisy is the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren.

Jane Rand Breunig '51 of Atlanta is saddened over the death of classmate, **Elinor Smith Miller** of Port Orange, Florida, who died in January 2004. Jane reminisces about "Elbo," who earned both her M.A. (1954) and Ph.D. (1966) in Romance Languages and Literatures at the University of Chicago. Elinor taught at Shimer College in Illinois from 1958-1967 and continued teaching and serving as a college/university administrator for the remainder of her career. She taught at Rollins College in Florida, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and served as vice-chancellor for academic affairs, University of South Carolina-Coastal Carolina College. She was also chair of the department of humanities and social sciences, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. As a translator and scholar, Elinor was published widely in French literature. Her specialty was the writings of French novelist and essayist Michel Butor. Elinor had three sons and a daughter. Her husband, Warren, died in 1996.

From Decatur, **Margaret Altman Housworth '51** writes that **Sarah Murphy Mercer '51** has been in an assisted living facility (Mann House in Atlanta) for some months and looks forward to mail and calls (404-250-9726) from

Class Notes



Class of 1954: Row 1: Helen McLeroy Jenner, Lajune Estes Wiggs, Carolyn Miller McCook, Ruth Forehand Miller, Donnie Donaldson Porterfield, Joyce Paris, Jeannine Hinson Smith. Row 2: Marilyn Bennett Edwards, Susan Bunn Woodward, Natholyn Miller Freeman, Harriett Willis Bevil, Athelyn Wade Buttrill, Betty Bate McCrary. Row 3: Nell Warren Hicks, Ruth White Fruit, Joan Clements Holland, Janie Heath O'Connor, Martha J. Laslie Woodward. Row 4: Marcia Mallet Ades, Natalie Brewton Barfield, Ritchey Yost Lea, Bonnie Jo Gardner Barnes. Row 5: Sylvia Crum Evans, Barbara Walker Coburn, Blaine Ross Shanks, Margy McCarty Massenberg, Glenda Norton Swanson. *Not pictured:* Syd Willis Blackmarr, Varese Chambless Kirkpatrick, Jacquelyn Burton Cook, Delores English Davidson, Sharon Smith Henderson, Virginia "Gin" Whiteman Robinson.

her classmates. "Maggie" and "Murph" were roommates and best friends in high school and college, and still are! **Betty Smith Addison '51** and Maggie visit Sarah frequently.

"After all these years my husband, Dan, our children and their families and I continue to feel blessed to live in the North Georgia Mountains of Young Harris. It's a real privilege — and we share!" writes **Ann Armistead Bearse '52**.

"Six coronary artery bypasses later and I'm doing GREAT!" writes **Mary Eva Bryan DuBose '52**. "I got back into my routine quickly, thanks be to God. I still feel useful and fulfilled as a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) for abused and neglected children. I have a big dream of some day establishing a facility for them and their families."

Irma Rigby Collins '52 of Tucker, Georgia, remembers with gratitude the Rev. and Mrs. Waldo Farabee. He was her pastor, introduced her as a student to Wesleyan, and made it possible for her to attend the college.

Christmas will be extra special for **Betty Banks Deal '52** and her husband, Bob. They will travel to Hawaii to attend retirement parties for their son, Robert, in December. Robert is

retiring from the Navy (subs) and is building a new house for his family.

For their 54th wedding anniversary, **DeRon McCurdy Senna '52** and her husband, Jozef, took a trip to Australia and New Zealand in January.

Atlanta resident **Jean Armstrong Smith '52** can't help but brag on her grandchildren! Granddaughter Becky is a champion in the horse show ring and also has a beautiful singing voice. Her two grandsons play tennis very well. Jean still plays tennis, too. She looks forward to her next reunion.

Mayson Thornton Bissell '53 mourns the loss of her sister, **Neal Thornton Hawley '54**. Neal had spent three years at Wesleyan before leaving to get married. Mayson's oldest granddaughter just finished her first year at UGA. (*See In Memoriam.*)

In May, **Elizabeth Perry Bryan '53** traveled to St. Mary's, Georgia, to celebrate her Wesleyan roommate's 50th wedding anniversary. **Carol Casey Rowland '53** and her husband, Marshall, renewed their vows and hosted a reception for their friends and family. Elizabeth reports that Carol and Marshall have four sons and six grandchildren — all girls!

Merrilyn Welch Eastham '53 says that she had "a grand visit" with **Jan Gay Munn '53** and **Lucia Hutchinson Powe '53** at their Marietta High School 55th reunion. Merrilyn has also talked to **Julie Withers Roland '53** to make plans for a get-together soon.

Through the Atlanta Steinway Society, **Judy Cline Godwin '53** works diligently to obtain scholarships for Wesleyan piano majors. The last one was \$2,500 in 2003. Both she and **Susan Crawford '67** are on the board of the Society.

"We are living a happy life," reports **Ollie Ann King Gowen '53** from Burnsville, North Carolina. Her church and 11 grandchildren keep her looking forward to each new day.

In March, **Sally Higgins Harbaugh '53** received the History Maker Award from the DeKalb History Center. Her sister, **Susan Higgins Parry '55**, is proud to report the news all the way from San Marcos, California.

In April, music lovers in Macon experienced "sibling harmony" when **Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53** of Macon and two of her children, world-renowned violinist Robert McDuffie and pianist Margery McDuffie Whatley, performed a benefit concert for the Macon Symphony Orchestra. Bobby, who recently founded The Rome Chamber Music Festival at Villa Aurelia, began teaching two classes a month at Mercer in July, after his appointment as distinguished university professor of music. Margery is head of the Music Department at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Both credit their mother as the best musician of all!

After 37 years of teaching, **Joan Jennings Norton '53** retired in 1993. She's especially proud of her daughter, **Jeanne Norton Rollberg '79**, whose acceptance into the research branch of the new William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library is set to begin in January of 2005. Jeanne is on sabbatical from The University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Joan Pritchard Smith '53 of Savannah feels "truly blessed" this year. She has two new grandchildren, making a "grand" total of 10 plus four great-grandchildren.

"I hear the Wesleyan chimes quite often at my house and they always remind me of my wonderful Class of '53 and the friendships that we share." That's from **Grace Maxwell Sparrow '53**, who has had a tumultuous year. In September of 2003, her first great-grandchild was born and in October, she and her husband, "Red," celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gala party at Ingleside Baptist Church. Sadly, Red died of a massive heart attack in December. "I miss him more than words can say, but with the help of wonderful friends and family, I am trying to move

and stay active in my church and DAR chapter." (See *Sympathy*.)

Joann Wilkes Williams '53 of Cordele and "Big Sister," **Joanna Mauldin Johnson '51**, of Ellaville, Georgia, renewed their friendship over all these years. Both are cancer survivors and had attended a benefit bridge luncheon for *Wesleyan for Life* last year but didn't recognize each other, until Joann's memory was jogged at a recent luncheon in Cordele hosted by Wesleyan advancement officer **Pat Hammock** of Ellaville. Joann writes that Joanna is still "a lovely Wesleyanne and a wonderful cook, too!"

1954 (50th Reunion)

It is no secret that the newest Golden Belles really love "purple" hearts. Purple Knight classmates from all over the country returned to celebrate an exciting 50th reunion, thanks to great plans made by reunion co-chairs **Ruth White Fruit**, **Joyce Paris**, **Ann Parsons Odum** and **Athelyn Wade Buttrill**, who also served as class officers. **Natalie Brewton Barfield** began the weekend with a prayer of thanks for 50 years of memories at the Golden Belles Luncheon. Class president **Nell Warren Hicks** and **Helen McIeroy Jenner** served as grand marshals for the Alumnae Parade of Classes. **Athelyn Buttrill** and **Nell Hicks** presented the class gift. Fine Arts '54 classmates attended a special Conservatory breakfast chaired by **Sharon Smith Henderson '54** and enjoyed entertainment by **Eugenia Toole Glover '49**, **Bill Toole '49**, **Claire Houser-Dodd '53**, and **Sharon Jacquelyn Burton Cook** signed copies of her latest book, as did **Donnie Donaldson Porterfield**. With two nights of class parties, family photos and yearbooks in tow and a video capturing many treasured moments, the Class of '54 celebrated a special Wesleyan moment in time. Morning Watch Chair **Donnie Porterfield** provided poignant remarks to end the memorable weekend.

Syd Willis Blackmarr '54 of Tifton, Georgia, had an extra special reason to attend the reunion. Her daughter, author **Amy Blackmarr '78**, held a book signing at the Wesleyan College bookstore. Amy's newest book is *Above the Fall Line: The Trail From White Pine Cabin*. During the weekend, Amy also met with students to discuss her book and the value of writing personal essays.

From Savannah, **Ethel McCurry Burriss '54** writes that she enjoyed her two years at Wesleyan. Ethel graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.F.A. in Art Education.

Marilyn Bennett Edwards '54 eagerly anticipated her spring 50th reunion. And considering she lives in Lizella, it wasn't a long drive to get to campus for all the fun!

Nancy Knighton Garrett '54 remembers roommate **Ann Moore Huggett '54** of Jacksonville, Florida, who died in September 2001. Ann had taught school for 32 years and is survived by two sons. Ann was known as the "Rose Lady" to family and friends.

From her home in Dallas, Texas, **Gloria Brown Hart '54** writes: "I spent a happy year at Wesleyan with dear friends — moved to Arkansas and married a year later. Now I have three grown children and six grandchildren. My husband is retired but stays busy with civic work. Wish I could have been there for the 50th. Love to all the Purple Knights."

Nancy Williams Holliman '54 of Huntsville, Alabama, retired in 1993 after working 18 years in the nonprofit field and 25 previous years as a volunteer. She held interesting and fulfilling jobs as CEOs and administrators of a Better Business Bureau, one of 54 executives in the country and was named one of its four best marketers. She also served as the business and development officer of Huntsville Art Museum, museums coordinator for the Alabama State Council of the Arts under a National Endowment of the Arts grant (one of 13 coordinators in the U.S.), state director of the Diabetes Association, and director of planning and allocations for United Way of Madison County. Nancy also has some **Wesleyan Firsts**, as the first woman member of the Metropolitan Kiwanis Club; the first woman on their board of directors; and the first woman to co-chair a state convention. As one of the founders of the Huntsville Museum of Art, she was recognized by the local Community Action Agency for outstanding and dedicated service for improving the quality of life for at-risk citizens of Madison County (Ala.) and received a certificate of merit from the Alabama Department of Human Resources. Nancy has trained many boards of directors in Alabama and at the University of Delaware for the American Museums Association. Nancy credits her success to her Wesleyan education and the leadership she learned in a college for women. "I consider myself one of the luckiest persons in the world to have been allowed to attend Wesleyan on academic and work scholarships. I was truly blessed." Nancy's current project is a cookbook that came out in July. *Cook With Nancy Plain or Fancy* contains 655 recipes, along with cooking tips from the chef and special pages with interesting information. The three-hole binder book has an easel in it and can easily stand on the kitchen counter. Love to cook? E-mail Nancy at alananny@msn.com.

Ruth Forehand Miller '54 has been active in her community of Dawson, Georgia, for many years. A past president of Dawson Service League, she was a member of DAR and an investment club. She enjoys watercolor painting, tennis, garden and bridge clubs, and working with the Terrell County Historic



A Little Night Music: (From left) **Lori Reese Patton '90**, **Evelyn LeRoy Fortson '52**, and **Diane A. Lumpkin '63** enjoyed a concert featuring Philharmonia of the Nations in Charlotte, North Carolina. Robert McDuffie, son of **Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53** of Macon, was violin soloist.

Restoration Society and with her church. She and Malcolm have three grown daughters, three grandsons, and one granddaughter — "all a joy." A devoted homemaker, Ruth spends much of her time now with Malcolm, who is not in good health. Ruth keeps in touch with "roomies" **Betty Bate McCrary** and **Donnie Donaldson Porterfield**. "I thank Wesleyan for the memories," writes Ruth.

Jane Smith Mitchell '54 is retired now. Her husband, Ray, is working his last year as director of the DeSoto Trail Regional Library System in Camilla, where they live. Jane stays busy with church work and is a member of the Session. She would love to hear from Conservatory classmates.

"Just one more year until our 50th!" writes **Emily Fraser Bradley '55** from her home in Natchitoches, Louisiana. "I'm looking forward to being there again. I still miss my roommate, **Mickey Haynie Goree '55**. We continued to stay in touch and visited often on the phone. She was a jewel! What fun on the piano!"

Juanita Sexton Dowling-Brandon '55 is retired but still sings with a local community chorus and serves as their treasurer. Her husband, Mickey, will retire in July 2005. Between the two of them, they have six children (all married), and 11 grandchildren, ages 23 to 2 ... and there's always the possibility of more!

Artist **Pat Drew '56** had a showing of her paintings at the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art in Marietta, Georgia, this summer. Titled *An American Quilt*, the show also introduced new works from her "Spirited Ancestors" series. Classmate **Jo Copeland Chapple '56** of Penrose, North Carolina, said the show was a hit in Pat's very own hometown!



Class of 1959: Row 1: Ann Lee Alley Earnshaw, Sylvia Anderson Powell, Julie Elliott Greer, Mary Parrish Sanders. Row 2: Marie Butler Neel, Carol King Pope, Carolyn Wade Barry. Row 3: Manita Bond Dean, Pat Moy Lerley, Laverne Holton Kinard. Row 4: Jane Powers Weldon, Margie Hendrix Barden, Mary Terrell Mitchell, Kathy Keck Ross.

Joyce Baker Rogers '56 became a widow in June 2001. In October 2002 her fifth grandchild was born — a girl. She now has three granddaughters and two grandsons, who all live in Alabama. Her brother and his family are in Maryland.

"Just enjoying retirement," says **Carla Dubose Kalec '57**. Carla travels as much as possible and volunteers once a week at the women's hospital that she helped start.

"We are excited here in Northeast Georgia to be working for **Nancy Smith Schaefer '58**, who is running for the State Senate in the newly created District 50. The district covers seven counties," writes **Mary Hodge Malone '57** from Clarksville, Georgia.

Guess what, Pirates! One of your classmates has become "bionic." That's how **Sandra Deisch Ringdahl '57** describes herself these days since she had both hips replaced in October of 2003. She's thankful that it's all over and reports that all is well.

From Titusville, Florida, **Marguerite Malcolm Yarboro '57** is "going through the aging process." She says her new hip is nothing short of a miracle.

In April, **Luleen Sandefur Anderson '58** represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inauguration of Rosemary De Paolo at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Margaret Frances Quarles Hinely '58, formerly of Greensboro, Georgia, now lives in Huntsville, Alabama, to be closer to her son and four grandchildren. Margaret was featured on *60 Minutes* and in the *Huntsville Times* for her role in helping the "Greensboro Dreamers," a group of 52 fourth-graders (adopted by a retired executive) who are part of the "I Have A Dream" project. She donated two week-long Space Camp Scholarships at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center to participating children in the Greensboro program. Margaret worked with the class when she lived in Georgia and wanted to introduce this area of science to them.

Medra Lott Keyser '58 has diagnosed herself with a big case of "grandmother pride" now that her four grandchildren are rising seniors and juniors in college. Ben Arnold attends American University and Jacob Arnold attends Baylor University. Their mother is **Laura Wallace Arnold '79**. Elizabeth Wallace attends Georgia State University, while Christian Spitz studies at William and Mary.

Carole Kelley Mangham '58 of Plano, Texas, misses classmate **Sara Kuhn Haughton '58** of Fort Pierce, Florida, who died recently of a sudden heart attack. Sara and her husband, David, had three children. (See *In Memoriam*.)

Class of '58 members **Betty Nunn Mori**, **Sylvia Tabor Shealy**, and **Louise Sawyer Whipple** recently attended a Perry High School reunion in Perry, Georgia. They were

delighted to re-unite with Perry and Wesleyan classmate **Ann Boterweg Smith**. Ann has lived on the west coast for many years, teaching school and raising two daughters. Her Purple Knight friends will not be surprised to learn that Ann taught drama, and gave a wonderful dramatic reading at the Perry reunion. She was happy to hear that classmates had been asking about her for years. Ann now resides in Corvallis, Oregon.

1959 (45th Reunion)

Reunion co-chairs Mary Terrell Mitchell and Laverne Holton Kinard cheered on the Class of '59 at their 45th reunion. The Golden Heart fun continued on Friday night at the home of Carol King Pope, who hosted the class party. Mary also served as class liaison, presenting the class gift. With 45 years of shared memories behind them, classmates are already gearing up for the big 50th in 2009.

She could not attend the 45th reunion, but **Harriett Johnson Bell '59** promises that she won't miss the 50th. She recently had lunch with **Carol King Pope '59**.

Elaine Wilder Jones '59 says that she and husband George are so happy with their four grandchildren: Justin (14), Kaitlynn (10), Hannah (3), and Ashland (1). Elaine says, "Our cup runneth over!"

Now that her husband, John, has retired after 40 years service to Mercer University, **Mary Terrell Mitchell '59** reports that they spend a great deal of time at their mountain house in Sky Valley, Georgia. Mary still enjoys her garden club, the Macon History Club, and the Morning Music Club when she is in Macon. The greatest enjoyment, though, is her family: two sons, a wonderful daughter and six beautiful grandchildren. Mary also has a **Wesleyan First** that dates back to 1959 and 1960. She was the first female to teach and direct the Northeast Macon Elementary Band. Mary organized the first all-girl band at the Miller Jr./Sr. High School for girls. Lanier High had a band established for a long time for the boys. Today, Miller and Lanier schools are combined and known as Central High School in Macon.

Catherine Vinson Pullen '59 had hoped to make it to the reunion, but she got sick! She says **Lucy Banks Peavy '59** couldn't make it because she was waiting to help out with a new grandchild. Catherine is still grieving over the loss of her friend and classmate **Ruth Thomas Flurschutz '59** in a car wreck last December.

1960s

She's back out West, closer to children and grandchildren, and would love a visit from any area alumnae. **Claire Hammond Davis '60** of

Spokane, Washington, invites Wesleyannes to stop by and see her.

With the addition of three new grandsons (including twins), **Leah Tamplin Leigh '60** of St. Augustine, Florida, is now the proud grandmother of 10 — seven boys and three girls!

A featured article in *The Macon Telegraph* by retired educator and principal **Jackie Davis Richardson '60** of Macon focused on the positive influence that teachers have on the lives of their students. She encouraged others to "reach out and touch" and thank former teachers while they are still alive to treasure the experience. (See article, page 16.)

Judy Warnock Burns '61 lives in Houston, Texas, and still appreciates those Wesleyan swim classes and piano lessons. She swims every morning and teaches piano lessons at home in the afternoons.

In February, **Andrea Morris Gruhl '61** of Columbia, Maryland, was elected Vice President/President-Elect of Beta Phi Mu, Iota Chapter (Washington, D.C.). Beta Phi Mu is the international library science honorary society. She also chairs the Homeland Security Committee of the League of Women Voters for her area and is the co-chair of the Endowment Committee of the local United Nations Association. Grandson Jack was born in November 2003 to her daughter, Sonja, and her husband, who is a pilot in California.

Artist **Kay Watkins Hanson '61** of St. Simons Island, Georgia, was commissioned to do a portrait of two-time former Wesleyan President Edward H. Myers (1851-54 and 1871-74) by his great-granddaughter, the late Mary Taylor. The portrait, presented to the college at a ceremony in the Benson Room in November, hangs in Tate Hall's gallery of presidents. Kay's son and daughter-in-law, **Ellen Futral Hanson '83** of Macon, attended the unveiling, as did many relatives of former President Myers. (See article, page 27.)

Dr. Sandra Combs Lewis '61 is included, again, in *Who's Who in America* and in *Who's Who in the World* because of her work with Fore (In) Sight Foundation. She is pleased to continue to receive both emotional and financial support from outstanding readers and would be pleased to share findings about Behavioral Dynamics with Wesleyannes who are interested. For a free newsletter contact sandralewis@foreinsight.org. Sandra reports that her mother (95) and her father (97) are still living, "so sending a daughter to Wesleyan for education must have been a good idea."

Sheila Leto Scott '61 reports that her husband, John, retired after 30 years as an Episcopal minister. They have moved to Ferrington Village near Chapel Hill, North



Class of 1964: Row 1: Mary Helen Hall Ringe, Susan Lillyman Hyland, Marilyn McRae Kitchens, Sally Hutchinson Vermillion, Helen Cousar Wells, Loutricia Carter Stephens, Pam Watkins Young, Becky Johnson Ingram, Mary Helen Johnson, Mary Jo Moody. Row 2: Carol "Moon" Burt, Lorinda Lou Beller, Suzanne Gosnell Joye, Brenda Jones Bradford, Peggy Pierce Chandler, Barbara Abercrombie, Linda Maria Willson, Susan Sammons. Row 3: Mary Helen Pope Daniel, Mary Russell George, Glenda Barrett Bull, Elizabeth "Sissy" Sims, Lucy Guggenheimer Ross, Bootsie Hartley Filliat, Susan Monteith. Row 4: Gena Sewell Davidson, Andrea Moody, Janice Rich Rentz, Gail Smith Hoff, Nancy Van Aken Marti, Linda Eaker Hall.

Carolina, and enjoy spending time with their children and five grandchildren.

In Stone Mountain, **Peggy McKinney Youngblood '61** and husband Robert enjoy every day being known as "Mama Peggy" and "Daddy Robert" to Johnson (12), Anna (11), Sarah (10), Rob (9), Laura (8), Joy (6), and Meg (1).

As a longtime member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus, **Ellen Weldon Dukes '62** traveled to Berlin in December 2003 to sing with the Berlin Philharmonic. The Chorus sang three performances of Benjamin Brittain's "War Requiem" and received great reviews.

From Jasper, Georgia, **Charlotte Jolly Hale '62** reports, "retirement is great." This year has been about learning new things — how to hand-quilt, how to knit, and how to bake homemade potato bread and cinnamon rolls. She will attend John Campbell Folk School this summer to try writing poetry.

Innkeeper **Rhoda Morrison Joyner '62** loves to host Wesleyannes at her Garden House Bed and Breakfast in Decatur. She has welcomed classmates **Dottie Rhoden Hicks '62**,

Charlotte Jolly Hale '62, and **Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62** and encourages other Wesleyannes to check out her listing at www.bedandbreakfast.com.

1964 (40th Reunion)

Nearly 35 classmates returned to campus for the "wearing of the green." Reunion co-chairs **Sissy Sims** and **Carol Burt**, who also served as class liaisons, kept GK spirits high all year long with updates on reunion plans. They welcomed classmates back to campus with a spirited, "Hoddy Toddy." Home base was the Marriott Courtyard, where a Friday night party continued on Saturday to the beat of the Green Knight drum. Green Knight pride grew even stronger when **Gena Sewell Davidson** presented **Lucy Guggenheimer Ross** with the 2004 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service at the annual meeting. Want to remember all of the weekend's action? Well, you can, because it was "caught on tape." E-mail Carol Burt and order your special DVD or VHS cassette of the big 40!

Brenda Lee Barclay '64 was sorry to miss the 40th reunion, especially seeing **Lucy Guggenheimer Ross '64** receive a Distinguished Alumna Award. Brenda enjoyed seeing **Suzanne Gosnell Joye '64** last



Life's still sweet: (From left) Suitemates **Carolyn Martin McCrea '65** of Columbia, South Carolina; **Joanna Looney Reynolds** of Fredericksburg, Virginia; **Ruth Ellen "Ruthie" Philpot Compton** of Columbus, Georgia; and **Jean Webb Tippins** of Wilmette, Illinois, in Charleston, South Carolina. In June they traveled (with husbands) to Ruthie's home in Columbus.

summer. **Sally Hutchinson Vermillion '64** is "sharing" her new grandson with Brenda and they both agree that he's just precious!

She may live in the cold north of Holland, Michigan, but **Peggy Pierce Chandler '64** has been warming hearts and touching lives for the past six years as a grief support group leader. She leads eight-week sessions twice a year.

Alpharetta, Georgia, resident **Elizabeth Hartley Filliat '64** has a **Wesleyan First**. In 1998, two years before she retired as a reading department head at Southwest DeKalb High School (SWD), Wal-Mart Corporation named her a Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. The award honored her community outreach programs to increase students' reading scores. Today, because of her efforts, SWD remains in the highest group of DeKalb County high schools for verbal SAT scores.

"Picture this Green Knight on the Great Wall!" That's the word from **Mary Russell George '64** after she and husband Dick took a trip to China in March 2003. They made it home one week before the SARS outbreak hit the news.

From Miami, Florida, **Andrea R. Moody '64** writes "Happy Inauguration! Thank you, President Knox. You are an inspiration to us all." Andrea's niece, Lupe Alleta Thun, and two nephews, Haley Reynolds Thun and Nicholas Miguel Thun, all graduated from Paideia School in Atlanta in May. They will attend Simpson, Harvard, and Emerson, respectively this fall.

Carolyn McDonald Parham '64 sends "happy news" from her home in Mobile, Alabama. She retired in January 2003 from the University of South Alabama as university registrar.

Mary Helen Hall Ringe '64 retired in June 2004, after teaching for 38 years in the Florida school system. GK classmates celebrated the news by sending balloons to her retirement luncheon. Her husband, Ed, continues to work as a consulting civil engineer. She says, "our children, Eddie, Bill, and Beth are grown (of course) and we have four grandchildren: Ashley (11), Matthew (9), Holly (9), and Mary Kate (6). Mary Helen lives in Monticello, Florida.

Congratulations to **Lucy Guggenheimer Ross '64** of Lynchburg, Virginia, who received the 2004 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service to the Community during Alumnae Weekend. (See article, page 22.)

In addition to her other responsibilities, **Susan Sammons '64** of Augusta, Georgia, works as laboratory director and technical consultant for the East Central Health District on Homeland Security.

New grandmother **Linda Willson '64** of Jacksonville, Florida, is delighted that daughter **Sharon Bressoud Mladucky '92** is a new mother. Ethan Charles was born in January 2004. Linda's hoping that Sharon and Chuck's next child will be a girl and become a third generation Green Knight. (See Births.)

"Wesleyan friends are for always," writes **Katherine Champion Smelley '65** of Savannah. She and **Meredith Parsons Sams '65** met for lunch and shopping at Phipps Plaza in Atlanta last October. Also, **Linda Segler Reynolds '65**, **Ellen Heim Cullen '65**, and Katherine met at the home of **Sally Bone Fay '65** in Panama City, Florida, for a mini-reunion. Back home in Savannah, Katherine's husband Phil is easing into retirement, working only part time.

National award-winning poet, **Kay Stripling Byer '66** of Cullowhee, North Carolina, returned to Wesleyan in March for a poetry reading from several of her books. Kay also taught two classes, one on creative writing and one that focused on women and creative writing.

"I'm now having fun playing with grandbabies, gardening (I call it Zen-weeding), and taking Yoga," writes **Barbara Brubaker Hightower '66** from Atlanta. "My next 30 years are to be my years of adventure (as defined by me). Love to all Wesleyan alumnae, especially the Class of '66."

New York City resident **Dona D. Vaughn '66** is spending her summer directing *Falstaff* for Wolf Trap Opera in June then directing "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" for Portopera in July.

Class of 1967 members **Lynn Burnett McGill**, **Marilyn Vickers**, **Jean Widney Wynn**, and **Karen Moore Thomson** enjoyed lunch together in April at Karen and Tom's home in Atlanta.

In Fort Walton Beach, Florida, **Sharon Hall Orr '67** is "lovin' life." She and Walt travel and enjoy grandchildren, Brandon (8), Logan (6), and Laura (5). "Living on the water is great and there is always something to do. Hello to all my classmates. Come see us," writes Sharon.

She hated to miss her 35th reunion last year (the first she's missed!) but **Mary Ann Ward Dudley '68** was preparing for daughter Mary Catherine's wedding. Son Paul recently graduated from his OB GYN residency at Baylor Medical School in Houston, where he will remain for a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology. Mary Ann and husband Sherman celebrated with Paul, his wife, Manisha, and their first grandchild, Nila, who is 16 months old.

1969 (35th Reunion)

Pirates had lots of "treasured" memories to share at their 35th. Reunion committee members Susan Isaacs Dodson, Judy Davis DeLoach, Dale Parker Craig, Betsy Dasher, Emmaline Haddle Pursley, and Gena Ware Wilson made plans for a smooth sailing weekend that included a Friday night party at the Holiday Inn and a Saturday night get-together at Gena's. Nancy Greer served as class liaison.

Ellen Dekle Alderman '69 had to miss the 35th reunion because her husband, Benny, was recovering from surgery. She invites anyone coming through Moultrie, Georgia, to give her a call. She would enjoy hearing from you!

"It's great to be a grandmother. Tyler James Hardt was born on April 11, 2003. I still enjoy singing, wherever and whenever I can — and making money doing so. My mom, a stroke victim, is still living with me. She is 88," writes **Sharon Malone Boyd '69** of Duluth, Georgia.

Her three boys are giving **Lou Semler Boyes '69** plenty of reasons to be proud. Christopher is an M.D. and is working on his surgical residency. Jeffrey earned a double master's degree in Nutrition and Exercise Physiology. Theodore is a pre-med student at the University of Florida and is majoring in Microbiology.

Retired from teaching after 31 years, **Dale Parker Craig '69**, has more time to spend with her first grandchild, Mary Claire Lee. She continues to stay busy doing flowers for weddings and parties. Her husband, Hal, is a Superior Court Judge and will retire in two years.

Tricia Pace Fordham '69 teaches PreK-4 in Pinehurst, Georgia. She also plays the drums every Sunday with her church praise team. Her pastor says she is the only drummer he has ever seen who will leave the drum stool and start praise dancing through the church. "That may be a **Wesleyan First!**" Tricia's son, Marshall

(24), is pursuing a master's degree in Classical Guitar Performance at the Chicago Academy of Performing Arts. Daughter Jodi (25) is an accounting major and mother of two daughters.

Judy Haisten Gattis '69 looks forward to retiring in May 2005, "after a fulfilling, yet exhausting 28 years of teaching special education." She and her husband have built a home and settled in Huntsville, Alabama, where Charles serves Trinity United Methodist Church. They both want to travel more and spend more time with the grandkids. "Hope more gals will come to our 40th. This past reunion has been great," writes Judy.

Congratulations to Susan Byrd Mathews '69 of Columbia, South Carolina, who has been elected vice president of The South Carolina Education Association and will serve a two-year term. She will complete her term on the NEA Resolutions Committee and a three-year term as president of Irmo-Chapin Education Association. Elected Teacher of the Year in 2002-2003 at River Springs Elementary, Susan was the SCEA Affiliate Award nominee for the National Foundation of Education Award in 2002.

"It's a good life," we hear from Marty Farrar Miles '69. She has recently retired in Fairhope, Alabama, after a 30-year career with the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. Marty is building a two-story, paddle-wheel riverboat and has just completed the first floor — which took a year and a half! She lives at a sailboat marina, where she works on the riverboat every day.

When her younger daughter, Claire, married Josh Robinson in August 2003, Diana Hall Richardson '69 was thrilled that her own Wesleyan roommate, Susan Mallory Rylander '69, and Susan's husband, Jon, were able to attend the wedding. Diana's husband, Fred, has started his own company to sell industrial stackers and recording chart paper. Diana still teaches sixth-grade social studies, but sees retirement just a few years away.

1970s

Libby Lanier Campbell '70 lives in Asheville, North Carolina. She married in 1989 and had a baby boy in 1990. Libby is a master Japanese flower arranger and teaches origami at camps in the Asheville area.

Middle Georgia readers of *The Macon Telegraph* will miss Emily Chase Cook's ('70) columns. Emily retired in March, after a 34-year career with the city's newspaper. Her columns and articles had a loyal following and she earned the respect of readers from her earliest days at the paper, which began immediately after graduation in 1970. Her "Strictly Social" column (started in 1981) was a Sunday staple



Class of 1969: Row 1: Judy Haisten Gattis, Dell Hitchcock Bailey, Susan Byrd Mathews, Dale Parker Craig, Judy Davis DeLoach, Sharon Malone Boyd, Angela Fulton Kirby. Row 2: Susan Ewing Maddox, Diana Hall Richardson, Kathy Estill, Tricia Pace Fordham. Row 3: Gail Jasiewicki Higbee, Betsy Dasher Fiveash, Linda Hiller LeSueur. Row 4: Susan Lutters Northcutt, Barbara Bugg, Lou Ellen Semler Boyes, Karen Garr, Susan Rogers Mills, Libba Sorrells. Row 5: Nancy Greer, Sally Kohlbacher Oliver, Cindy Samford Cannon, Diane Harrison Smith, Ann Kinnick Keane.

for area readers. She produced many special sections of the paper and created tabloid sections that have been incorporated now into full pages in the Local & State sections, such as the "Neighbors" page. In 1983, Emily began compiling her popular "50 years ago today" column. Currently, Emily is "working" as co-chair of her 35th Wesleyan reunion in 2005.

Jan Drury Cox '70 continues as chair of the English Department at Peachtree Middle School. That makes 32 years of teaching English! Jan's daughter, Joy, is currently working on a master's degree in Photography at the University of Florida.

At the end of the school year, Lana Tygart Griner '70 of Brooklet, Georgia, retired from teaching. Her oldest daughter is getting married in September. Lana recently renewed contact with Catherine Gibbons Jost '70, who lives in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

"I can't wait to see everybody next April!" writes Sally Shingler Kurrie '70 from Valdosta, Georgia. "I'm still teaching English (the oldest teacher in my school!). My son, Thompson, is married and is a banker. Lee is in nursing school and Mary Margaret is a junior at The University of Georgia. I just took a trip to South Africa and Zimbabwe in December. I don't guess I'll ever get too old to travel (hope not!)."

Linda Goulding Mann '70 has moved back to Georgia (in Cumming) to be closer to her daughter and granddaughter. Linda looks forward to enjoying Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club activities.

Sally Myhand Flannagan Neal '70 is a certified Feng Shui consultant and designer. Her business, Magical Places Heavenly Spaces, is based in Atlanta; Charleston, South Carolina; and in the Blue Ridge Mountain area of western North Carolina. Throughout the years Sally has trained under many international leaders and teachers of Feng Shui, including Michio Kushi, a Nobel Prize nominee. She has knowledge of all of the major schools of Feng Shui (classical and contemporary). Among many professional credentials, she is certified by the Lillian Too Institute of Feng Shui in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and is a member of the International Feng Shui Guild. Sally is recognized for her ability to inspire growth and positive change through an approach that is grounded in common sense and respect for her individual clients' needs, budget, and aesthetic tastes.

Jan Bull Simpson '70 says her daughter, Anne Lambert, has completed her first year as a speech therapist in Greenville, South Carolina. Her son, George, was a 2004 graduate of the University of South Carolina.



Class of 1974: Row 1: Julie Baker, Connie Crauswell Kempf, Jane Gibbs Borg, Beth Jenkins Bell, Sara Turnbull Snow, Penny Thomas. Row 2: Pam Hicks Kelly, Hazel Burns Struby, Licia Drinnon Jackson, Beth Carstarphen Hagerman. Row 3: Martha Johnson, Sue Sherrill Burdette, Darcia Jones Francey, JoAnn Young Beitz, Sharon Bloss Jones, Caroline Brown Sherrod, Judy Hoffman, Marti Andrews Willis, Rebecca Watson Dempsey, Beverly Hinely MacMahon, Marian Elliott Lewis.



In Tucker, Georgia, **Sally Moffet McKenna '75** is having the best time helping her son, Will, and **Erin Zinko '04** plan their wedding. "It was really special to me that I was the one to light Erin's candle. I was even more proud when Erin graduated. I never dreamed that a son of mine would pick a Wesleyanne for a bride," writes Sally.

Jan loved seeing **Cathy Coxe Snow '71** and **Pat Hammock Wall '70** when they accompanied President Ruth Knox on an alumnae tour to Columbia.

Since her son is now in the third grade, **Mary L. Jeffcoat '72** has gone back to work at Playhouse Studio, where she teaches acting/theater classes for children and teens.

On May 22, 2004, **Anne Thornton Reynolds '73** was speeding down the highway between two graduations. Daughter Emily graduated from Elon College in North Carolina, with a dual degree in Religious Studies and Art Photography. On the same day, son Mark finished Pope High School in Marietta, Georgia.

From Raleigh, North Carolina, **Linda Brown Walker '73** reports, "all is well." Son Lee graduated from Washington and Lee in June. "That makes one down and one to go in college." Daughter Louisa had a good freshman year at Sewanee, where she played NCAA D-III Field Hockey.

1974 (30th Reunion)

Can it really be our 30th reunion? This question and others were answered as PKs gathered to celebrate good times with good friends. Classmates met on Friday for a party at the home of reunion chair Hazel Burns Struby in Gray, Georgia. On Saturday, they cheered one of their own, Darcia Jones Francey, when she received the 2004 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service. Pam Hicks Kelly served as class liaison.

It was a sad reunion this year for **Julie Maureen Baker '74** of Tampa, Florida. She writes, "Almost a year has passed since our dear PK friend, **Connie Napier Coats '74**, passed away. Several Wesleyannes gathered to attend the memorial service in Neptune Beach, Florida. Connie always attended the reunions and will be greatly missed. Often, we would meet and drive up together."

Laura Hunt Edenfield '74 will retire from teaching after 30 years of service in public education. The past 27 years were spent at Glynn Academy, a public school in Brunswick, where she taught advanced placement art history, studio art, and U.S. history. Laura was also head of the Fine Art Department.

Congratulations to **Darcia Jones Francey '74** of Melbourne, Florida, who received the 2004 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service to the Community during Alumnae Weekend. (See article, page 23.)

Licia Drinnon Jackson '74 is a copy editor and staff writer at *The State* newspaper, in Columbia, South Carolina. She and Grant will celebrate their 30th anniversary this year. They have four children. Oldest son Grant married in 2003 and works as an art educator at the Columbia Museum of Art. Son Jonathan is a sergeant in the U.S. Army and recently returned from Baghdad, Iraq, after a year there. Daughter Hilary is a sophomore at University of South Carolina and youngest son Rett is a seventh-grader.

Teaching music and French to students (Pre-K through 8th grade) at a small private Catholic school in Tyrone, Georgia, keeps **Sharon Bloss Jones '74** busy. So do her own children. Her oldest, Aaron, is finishing his degree in Business Administration. Daughter Katie is working at Disney World; Patrick is a high-school sophomore, and Matthew is in seventh grade.

Congratulations to **Sarah Turnbull Snow '74** of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, who earned a master of science in Information Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The School of Information-Science at UNC-CH has been ranked number one for the past three years.

Hazel Burns Struby '74 received her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and is the interim director of instruction at Central Georgia Technical College, the largest technical college in Georgia. Congratulations! Hazel has also developed seven online classes, which is similar to writing a book. She and Neil live in Gray, Georgia, and have two married children. They look forward to becoming grandparents in August.

"My daughter, **Laura Shull Tarman** graduated from Wesleyan in 2003, as the fifth generation Wesleyanne in her family, beginning with

Ida Evans Eve (1872), Lucy Evans Stephens (1898), Sarah Evans Lippincott '10, Allie Stephens Reynolds '29, Emma Stephens Wilson '34, Ida Evans Stephens Williams '40, and Jane Williams Tarman '74. We are very proud of our Wesleyan tradition," writes Jane from Statesville, North Carolina.

Elizabeth Wakeford Thompson's ('75) son, Wakeford, (although born in Houston, Texas) is now a sophomore at the University of Georgia. Betsy still teaches at the Kinkaid School in Houston, when she's not in Athens, Georgia.

After 20 years as a homemaker, Mary Knight Robinson '76 of Bainbridge, Georgia, is branching out and teaching math classes at the local community college and at industry-related training courses.

Janet Rumler Brooks '78 is a doctoral candidate at the University of South Carolina studying Early Childhood Education.

Congratulations to Anne Shirah Dykes '78, who received the 2004 Clinical Nurse Specialist of the Year award from the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists. Anne attended Wesleyan from 1974-76. She received a bachelor's degree in Nursing from the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University in 1978. She received a master of science in Nursing from Georgia Southern University in affiliation with Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia, in 1991. Anne resides in Richmond Hill, Georgia, with her two daughters and is a perinatal clinical nurse specialist with St. Joseph's/Candler Health System.

"All is healthy and happy at the Goff household," says Leigh Lambert Goff '78. Her son, Will, just finished his first year of middle school. Leigh's husband, Bobby, just finished his first month at a new bank. Leigh claims that she "holds the family longevity title, having just completed 25 years with Delta Air Lines."

From her home in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, Janet L. Keys '78 writes, "Judy Day Powell '78 and her daughter, Claire, stopped by our new house last June on one of their many road trips. We had a grand time visiting, as we did in April 2003, when the Purple Knights of 1978 celebrated our 25th reunion. Thanks for the memories!"

Cathy Bradach Rockoff '78 is proud of daughter Deborah, who graduated from Kennesaw State University in December 2003.

1979 (25th Reunion)

Gold is still the favorite color of the silver anniversary class, whose 25th reunion plans included a class party at Dano's on Forsyth. Reunion co-chairs Sally Anderson



Class of 1979: Row 1: Linda Chastain Rowe, Natalie Anderson Rauch, Catherine Haye Sauter, Jackie Webb Bullard, Linda Stewart Scott, Carol Suters. Row 2: Amy Miller Braun, Rose Turner Pate, Sarah Johnston Miller, Theresa McKenna, LuAlice Waite. Row 3: Loisanne Tatum Robins, Rebecca Tuten McClain, Cindi Mercer Riley, Margaret Dilbeck Garland, Laurretta Elliott Garrett, Teresa Morrow, Marianna Patton Walker. Row 4: Carol Freeman Ake, Lynne Anthoine Hueglin, Anita Marchman, Denise Sarver Jewell, Sally Anderson Hemingway, Kay Appling King, Carol Colston McMahon, Robbie Edge Stancil, Katherine Breland Bradley, Diane Kohlmeier.

Hemingway and Kay Appling King planned for a GH weekend filled with news and nostalgia. Class president Katherine Breland Bradley welcomed friends back to campus. Kay King also served as class liaison.

In Woodstock, Georgia, Carol Freeman-Ake '79 stays busy home-schooling Bryan (15), Melissa (13), Beth Anne (10), and Amanda (8). Her oldest son, Stephen, is studying Computer Science Engineering at LePoreneau University. Son Colin will be a freshman at Georgia Tech in the fall.

Expressing personal goals in 1979 to teach, write, and do research, Amy Miller Braun '79 of Charlotte, North Carolina, has continued to pursue those goals in off-beat ways these days. She has been in Human Resources at UNC-Charlotte for 10 years, most recently as a classification and compensation analyst. So she "teaches" in the sense of human resources training, "writes" organizational development plans, and "researches" what people do in their jobs. Her three boys are 15, 12, and 9. Husband still teaches German at Independence High School.

Jacqueline Webb Bullard '79 and husband Larry live in Grayson, Georgia, where Jackie teaches for Gwinnett Public Schools. They were married on July 5, 2003. Larry is a retired PE teacher and soccer coach. Larry enjoyed attending Alumnae Weekend, where he served

as the soccer referee for the traditional alumnae/student game on Saturday. This may be another Wesleyan First! (See Marriages.)

From Cusseta, Georgia, Laurretta Elliott Garrett '79 reports that daughter Dana married James Henry McKeen on December 20, 2003. They will live in Huntsville, Alabama. On a sadder note, Laurretta reports that her father died on December 12, 2002.

Sally Anderson Hemingway '79 writes that she and Jim, a United Methodist pastor, have been married for 27 years. Son David (22) is a senior at The University of Georgia majoring in religion and philosophy. Daughter Mary Ann is 20 and is a sophomore music therapy major, also at UGA. Daughter Rebecca is 15 and is in the ninth grade. "How wonderful to have a Golden Heart!"

For 22 years Lynne Anthoine Hueglin '79 has lived in Roanoke, Virginia. She is still working for the Allstate National Support Center. Her son, Bill (22), will graduate from James Madison University in May 2005 with a degree in music education. Her daughter, Wendy (20), lives at home and is employed.

"My family enjoys living just outside of Boston (except for the cold winters!)," writes Denise Sarver Jewell '79 of Sudbury, Massachusetts. Two of her daughters are back in New Jersey. Oldest daughter Sarah is a graduate student at



Class of 1984: Row 1: Carswell Hannon Peterson, Loretta Pinkston, Jo Klein Duke. Row 2: Kim Brown Frank, M.S. "Peg" Atkisson. Row 3: Connie Evans, Patricia Sterling. Row 4: Sally Cash Whitt, Ava Arnold Wyatt.



A Tradition Continues: In April 2004, **Susan Dempsey '82** from Roswell, Georgia; **Tina Martinez Barrios '82** from Bradenton, Florida; **Susan Holloway '82** from Clermont, Florida; **Karen Martin '82** from Stone Mountain, Georgia; and **Becky Nelson '84**, also from Roswell, traveled to New Orleans together for the NCAA Women's Final Four. This is the 4th time in seven years that the group has gone to this event together. This year they met **Mona McLean '82** in NOLA for fun and food.

Rutgers University and Laura is a sophomore at Rowan University. Daughter Mary is 17 and attends a special-ed program at Boston College, while youngest son Carl is a high school freshman and plays baseball and runs track and cross-country.

It's a Wesleyan First for Kay Appling King '79, who has started the first freeze dry floral business in the Macon area, Rosewood Design. She and husband Dave celebrated their 20th anniversary. They reside in Juliette, Georgia, and have three sons, Hunter (16), Cody (14), and Shane (4). The Kings are involved in the football and track booster clubs at Mary Persons High School, where their older boys play ball and run track. They are also active members at Ingleside Baptist Church in Macon.

Since reunion five years ago, **Anita Marchman '79** of Chamblee, Georgia, has served on three mission trips with her church to Belize, Honduras, and Mexico. This summer she will add Tia Juana to her mission trip list. Anita works in the lab at Northside Hospital in Atlanta and has for 21 years.

Rebecca Tuten McClain '79 lives in Savannah, Georgia, where she is the Chief Financial Officer for the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education. Husband Ray is an elementary school music teacher and professional percussionist. They have two sons, Christopher (14) and Matthew (9).

Norcross, Georgia, resident **Theresa McKenna '79** will begin her 25th year working with the Internal Revenue Service in Atlanta.

When they are not sailing to the Bahamas, **Carol Colston McMahon '79** is busy teaching high school Spanish, while her husband is overseeing his engineering company in Stuart, Florida. Their son graduated from college this year and will marry in December. Their daughter is still in college.

Sarah Johnston Miller '79 lives in Missoula, Montana. She teaches Pharmacy Practice at the University of Montana School of Pharmacy and has since 1988. Husband Steve has three college degrees and is a stay-at-home dad to their son, Blake, who is 9.

Rose Turner Pate '79 is a media specialist in a 9-12 school and earned certification by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards in 2002. She is married to Chip Pate and has one son, Kirby, 8.

Natalie Anderson Rauch '79 is home-schooling daughter Bonnie, 11, in Midland, Georgia, while her husband is stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Wesleyan sends sympathy to Natalie on the death of her mother on Christmas Eve 2003. (See *Winter 2003 Magazine*.)

Cynthia Mercer Riley '79 has lots of news from Beaufort, South Carolina, where she has worked as assistant executive director of Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry, a non-profit adult literacy organization, for the past nine years. Husband Jim celebrated 10 years as minister of music and youth at Port Royal Baptist Church in Port Royal, South Carolina. Son Joshua ('07) is a history major at Charleston Southern University, where he received an academic scholarship.

Loisanne Tatum Robins '79 is the middle school/high school choral director at Pine View School for the Gifted in Sarasota, Florida. She and husband Bruce live nearby in Englewood.

She's the #1 stay-at-home mom in Lawrenceville, Georgia, to three boys, Bobby (16), Slay (13), and Kyle (12), but **Linda Chastain Rowe '79** is also known as the Avon Lady, whose sales record places her currently #2 out of 700 representatives in her district. Linda also serves as assistant to her district manager.

Although she spent a month working in India last year, **Catherine Hays Sauter '79** calls Atlanta home, and has since 1980. So does son George (20), who also lives at home. Catherine works as a software developer for Accenture.

"We are completing our current Army assignment at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and getting ready for what we hope to be our last assignment in San Antonio, Texas,"

notes **Linda Stewart Scott '79** who enjoys being a wife, mom, and volunteer. Daughter **Valeria** is a junior at Oklahoma Baptist University. Son **Andrew** just graduated from high school and will join his sister at OBU.

Marianna Patton Ricketson Walker '79 and husband **Carroll** have moved to a retirement community, **Carlyle Place**, in **Macon**, where she enjoys seeing many other Wesleyan.

1980s

Valerie Cowart '80 continues to enjoy her private voice studio and being a lay Eucharistic minister. She says, "any Wesleyan traveling up north this summer will find an open door at her home in New Hampshire!"

Mary L. Johnson '80 says she still enjoys teaching first grade at Wesleyan School in Norcross, Georgia. Husband **Marvin** is retired. They now have six grandchildren — five girls and one boy. They are great fun and Mary and Marvin spend as much time as possible with them.

In July 2003, **Wendy Jo Mann McAllister '81** was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Virginia Minnesota School Board. Her term runs through January 2005. She has lived in Virginia for 20 years with her husband, **Robert**, and daughters **Lauren** (16) and **Meaghan** (12). **Wendy Jo** is also president of the Virginia Secondary School PTSA.

Congratulations to **Lizann Youmans Provan '81** of Savannah, Georgia, who has completed the Executive Coaching Certification Program through Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Between her own honor as STAR Teacher and her son, **Josh**, being recognized as the DeKalb Athlete of the Week, **Monique Martin Whorton '81** has had a great year. She still teaches at Cross Key High School in Atlanta.

Wesleyan sends sympathy to **Cyndi Bell '83** of Suwanee, Georgia, whose parents passed away in January 2004. On a brighter note, **Cyndi** received her M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education from Brenau-Atlanta in July 2003. (See Sympathy.)

1984 (20th Reunion)

Mary thanks to **Patricia Sterling**, who served as reunion chair and coordinated plans for the Class of 1984's reunion and for an 80s Cluster Reunion dinner. Friday night's festivities celebrated sisterhood at Chili's Grill. On Saturday, **Kim Brown Frank**, who also served as class liaison, hosted a Green Knight funfest at her home.

Page Clements '84 brought a production of David Mamet's "Boston Marriage" and acting and voice/speech workshops to Wesleyan last



Class of 1989: Row 1: Susan Fay Flowers, Donna Carole Stribling Kitchens, Debbie Stevenson Moses, Mary Beth Brown Swearingen, Malika Ghosh Garrett. Row 2: Ashley Jones Childers, Denise Cheek Brown, Penny Whitley Windham, Tyrene House Neil, Kristin Claus.

fall. The weekend marked the first stop in an annual cross-country tour with her new not-for-profit educational and theatrical production company, **Highwire, Inc.** Page and the company are so very grateful to Wesleyan for the unique experience. This summer Page also taught at **MidSummer Macon**, held on Wesleyan's campus. When not on the road, Page lives in Unionville, New York.

Congratulations to **Teresa A. Baumann '87** of Valdosta, Georgia, who received her M.B.A. from Wesleyan College in June.

Lynn Lasseter Prater '87 and husband **Morris** relocated to the Tampa, Florida, area in February 2004. Lynn is still employed with **McKibbin Hotel Management, Inc.**, where she is corporate director of sales and marketing and is responsible for 41 hotels in the Southeast. **Morris** is a regional director with **Hilton Hotels**. They live in Lutz, Florida.

Maconite Jacquelyn Kunkel Ivey-Weaver '87 is a proud grandma of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Art Studio & School keeps her busy.

It's a small Wesleyan world! When Decatur, Georgia, resident **Beth Herndon '88** attended the Atlanta alumnae Spring Luncheon in March, she was surprised to discover that **Betsy Palmer Smith '60**, whom she had just met at the Shallowford Presbyterian Church Choir, was also a GK Wesleyan alumna.

After marrying her husband, **Steve**, in December 2002, **Rosalind Evans Weiss '88** retired from the corporate communications department of **Delta Air Lines**. She has relocated from Atlanta to Melbourne, Florida, where she works as director of annual giving at the Florida Institute of Technology.

1989 (15th Reunion)

The Tic Toc Room in downtown Macon was the place to be for Pirates who wanted to party.

Mary Beth Brown Swearingen and **Penny Whitley Windham** served as reunion co-chairs for the Class of 1989 and welcomed classmates back to campus for a recap of 15 years of friendship. Penny also served as class liaison. Pirate pride was even more evident when classmate **Debbie Stevenson Moses**, president of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association, presided at the annual meeting.

Amanda Robinson Polglase '89 and her husband, **Dr. Robert Polglase**, enjoy life in Augusta, Georgia, with two-year-old daughter **Laura Grace**.

Kristin Claus '89 of Jacksonville, Florida, sends best wishes to classmate **Kathy Smith Foster '89** of Middleburg, Florida, on her new business, **Foot Solutions**.

Congratulations to **Geovette Washington '89** of Clinton, Maryland, who is a new Wesleyan trustee. Geovette is an attorney and partner at **Baach Robinson and Lewis, PLLC** in Washington, D.C.



Class of 1994: Row 1: Nancy Canada Rabalais, Annette Nassir, Valerie Knopik, Nicole Keller Derrick. Row 2: Nikki Collins MacMillan, Michelle Arauz McKeen, Michelle Smith-Green, Cara Carroll Baity, Lee Twombly, Lisa Brannen Pompa. Row 3: Crystal Wright Dean, Elizabeth Bockmiller Ceranowski, Wendi Windham Martin. Row 4: Melanie Rahn, "The Knight," Kimberly Casey Stanfill.

1990s

Vanessa Allred Miller '90 lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where husband Eric serves in the Army Special Forces. In December 2003 the Millers welcomed a new member to the family. (See Births.)

Congratulations to **Shantras Lakes '90**, of College Park, Georgia, who earned a M.B.A. from Wesleyan College in June.

Cynthia Hershey '91 and husband Todd will celebrate their second anniversary in September. Cynthia still lives in Benton, Kentucky, and works as a catastrophe claim representative for State Farm. She and Todd are also proud pooch parents to Katie the dog.

Melissa Malone '91 bought a house at Pawleys Island, South Carolina, about five miles from the ocean. Mom **Nedra Martin Malone '65** loves to visit.

Leslie Thomson Kravet '91 and husband Scott celebrated their first wedding anniversary in February 2004. They currently live in New York City.

Staca Hiatt '92 is the office manager for the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, where she handles managerial duties as well as accounting for three offices: the Chamber office, Kingman Tourism Department, and the Powerhouse Building (a restored 1905 build-

ing that serves as a visitor center and tourist attraction for the city). She is also the newsletter editor and board member of Kingman Powerhouse Kiwanis. Staca's loves include her significant other, Bob Hickok (a descendant of Wild Bill), and her very spoiled orange tabby cat named Kissimmee.

Proud parents **Hazel Varnedoe Margelli '92** and husband Dan live in Acworth, Georgia, with their 2-year-old son, Jack, and their 6-month-old daughter, Eliza Kate.

1994 (10th Reunion)

*There were lots of hugs for the PKs of '94 at the "Hug and Laugh Again" Friday night class party held at Anderson Cabin. Reunion co-chairs **Melissa McKenzie Crowder, Melanie Rahn, and Cara Carroll Baity** made sure family and friends were included in the "Family Fest" held on Saturday. Cara Baity served as class liaison, while class president **Melissa Crowder** celebrated from afar, awaiting the arrival of her new baby.*

Crystal Wright Dean '94 and husband Charles live in Ashburn, Georgia, where she works with Turner County DFCS, investigating reports of child abuse and neglect. They were married in June 2003. (See Marriages.)

Kim Casey Stanfill '94 owns The Bodies-N-Motion Fitness Center located in Savannah, Tennessee. The colors in her gym are, of course, purple and white. Kim, Terry, and

daughter Lilli moved into a new house in May. Kim is nursing a back injury and in the process is working on her certification as a personal trainer. "The Master's in Education has come to a halt!" writes Kim.

Blake Gallay loves being a big brother, according to mom **Barbara Robinson-Gallay '95** of Madison, Wisconsin. Sister Amaya Lee Gallay was born in August 2003 and is growing fast. Barbara hopes to make it back to Macon one day, but "Wisconsin is awfully far away." (See Births.)

Congratulations to **Sherry Neal '96** of Atlanta, who received the 2004 Young Alumna Award at the annual meeting during Alumnae Weekend. (See article, page 23.)

According to **Susan Selensky '96**, 2003 proved to be the busiest year of her life so far. In addition to buying a brand new house in El Mirage, Arizona, Susan helped to develop and implement a new international payroll system. She looks forward to a Phoenix area alumnae meeting.

Congratulations to **Yehudi Self-Medlin '96** who received a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry in May from the University of Virginia. Her dissertation title was "Vibrational Relaxation and Isomerization Kinetics of Alcohols." She and fiancée Dan Pinkos are busy making wedding plans.

Carrie Herndon '97 of Alexandria, Virginia, has left her job with FEMA for a new position with the Department of Homeland Security in Washington. She'll be part of the Grants Policy and Oversight Office. Now, instead of being responsible for one grant program, she'll be responsible for 97 grant programs!

Piper Allen '98 has a new name and a new home. Piper married James Bradley Sink in April 2004 and now resides in Boone, North Carolina. Both will take the surname Ellis in honor of his mother. (See Marriages.)

Congratulations to **Rindi Daniel '98** of Macon who opened a new business, Penn Ridge Projects, a complete kitchen and bath design firm that is the only privately owned company in the Macon area that is an approved member of National Kitchen and Bath Association.

Congratulations to **Brandy Hayes '98** of Macon, who completed her M.B.A. at Wesleyan in May of 2004 after spending 10 days in Russia. Brandy also has a new job with The Medical Center of Central Georgia, as a senior staff accountant in the Financial Services Department.

Palm Beach resident **Julie Houston '98** and fiancé Aaron Trieste, an accountant in Boca

Raton, are busy planning a summer '05 wedding. First on the agenda is to look for a new home. Julie has been promoted to customer service coordinator for PalmBeachPost.com and their family of Web sites. She will oversee all of the e-mail and phone calls that come into sites from their users and work to implement a system to better customer service for the newspaper and its related sites.

Susan Wilson Toler '98 and her husband have settled in Columbia, South Carolina, after a year of globetrotting. In 2003, they moved to Dublin, Ireland, and worked with the Special Olympics. In the fall, they moved on to Madrid, Spain, where Susan taught English as a Second Language to businesspeople at an insurance company. After traveling throughout Europe (and running into Dr. Phil Taylor in Rome!) the Toler's are excited about beginning their next adventure in the U.S. Susan serves as the associate director for Agape English Language Institute for Internationals.

1999 (5th Reunion)

*From listening to jazz at Trio in downtown Macon to sharing all the latest news with each other at the home of Saturday night class party hostess **Amanda Benson Gay**, members of the Class of '99 painted the town gold during Alumnae Weekend. Recognized at the annual meeting for traveling the furthest to reunion, **Lizabeth Sanden** trekked all the way from Alaska! Golden Heart reunion chair and class president **Dana Karstensen-Bryan** traveled almost as far, hailing from the state of Washington. Dana and committee members **Amanda Gay** and **Shannon McGinley Hammond**, who also served as class liaison, pulled out all the stops for a festive fifth that was filled with many oh-so-golden moments.*

"My computer-focused years at Wesleyan, along with my education degree, helped prepare me for the current position that I hold at a very upbeat, technology focused elementary school," writes **Carrie Walker Dumm '99**. She and husband Joe enjoy living in Fayetteville, Georgia. (See *Marriages*.)

Stephanie Daniels Schnackenberg '99 writes that the past two years have been busy! She married husband Scott in a beautiful fall ceremony in October 2002, where **Laurie Glass '99** served as maid of honor. Classmates **Odonia Ezell-Whiddon**, **Dottie Whittington**, **Bonnie Fletcher**, and **Danielle Fleming Fanning** also attended. After a honeymoon in Aruba they returned to "real life" in Poughkeepsie, New York. They bought their first house in July 2003 and have been decorating ever since. Stephanie is expecting her first child in August 2004.

In September of 2004, **Kathryn Delacy Smith '99** will marry Christopher Vinson of Franklin,



Class of 1999: Row 1: Shannon McGinley Hammond, Amanda Benson Gay, Carrie Walker Dumm, Jennifur Rosado Tanner, Odonia Ezell-Whiddon, Kathryn Smith. Row 2: Amanda Marine, Dottie Whittington, Sarah Marshall Nester, Michele McDuffie, Dana Karstensen-Bryan, Daphne Ristau, Jennifer Lee, Erica Collinsworth. Row 3: Danielle Fleming Fanning, Chrissy Olszewski, Amy-Chris Vinson, Nichole Arnault, Jessica Jarman.

North Carolina, at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. The Rev. Bill Hurdle will perform the ceremony. Fellow Golden Hearts of '99 **Melissa Roberts Mancini**, **Nicole Miller**, and **Shannon McGinley Hammond** will be bridesmaids. **Amy-Chris Vinson** will be the maid of honor. Kathryn and Christopher will continue to live in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Maconite **Ginger Williams M.A. '99** uses math to shape the lives of her students. Named 2004 Bibb County Teacher of the Year, Ginger's unique teaching style has also earned her the title of 2004 Rosa Taylor Teacher of the Year. Ginger received her teaching degree from Georgia Southern University and went back to Wesleyan to earn her master's in middle-level mathematics and sciences. A former art teacher at Clisby Fine Arts Magnet, Ginger also uses art to teach her fifth- and sixth-grade students about the importance of math.

2000s

Lindsay Cole Abernethy '00 is proud of classmate **Kelly Pharis Baete '00** and Kelly's fiancé, James Doyle, who graduated in May 2004 from Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine. They will both practice in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Deborah Berryman-Bawa '00 married Abeed Bawa in March 2004. He is a graduate of Mercer University and they met while Deborah was at Wesleyan. (See *Marriages*.)

Congratulations to **Amy Stone Braddock '00**, who graduated from Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law in May.

Jaime Ann Case '00 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Jared Hutchins of Winona, Minnesota, are busy with October 2004 wedding plans in Springboro, Ohio.

Calling all Green Knights of 2000, **Jennifer Sims '00** would love to hear from you! Jennifer is a busy paralegal at a law firm in Savannah, Georgia, involved in asbestos litigation.

Lisa Sloben '00 is the new curator of art at The Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon, where she is responsible for maintaining the museum's international art exhibitions program and guiding the growth of the museum's arts and fine crafts permanent collection.

Congratulations to **Rachel Cranford Williams '00**, who earned a M.A. in Middle Grades Math and Science from Wesleyan in May 2004.

It's a big move from Jesup, Georgia, to Mongolia but **Sheila E. Williams '00** made the move in June. Sheila joined the Peace Corps and will carry the spirit of Wesleyan service to that part of the world.

Charisse Jenkins '01 of Pembroke Pines, Florida, has completed her first year of law school at NOVA Southeastern University in Florida.



Class of 2003: Row 1: Abbie Brannon, Namita Mohanty, Sherrie Randall, Kristen Graham, Jennica Schenck, Lindy Donahue. Row 2: Regina Wright, Danielle White, Lauren Haney, Jennifer Duello, Brandy Heineman. Row 3: Brittany Wilson, Nicki Leigh Neufeld, Lauren Young, Nessa Cruthirds, Hannah Harrell Martin and baby Mollie.

Julissa Noyola '01 works at Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta, where she has been promoted to education resource manager.

Congratulations to **Megan Beene '02**, who received a master of arts in Women's History from Sarah Lawrence College in May. Megan plans to live and work in the New York City area for the next few years before applying to Ph.D. programs in History, Literature, or Women's Gender Studies. Earlier this year, she and **Kris Mayrhofer '02** attended the Thinking Gender conference at UCLA. Both presented papers that were well received, and they had a great time seeing Los Angeles! Megan is proud of classmate **Erin James '02**, who recently got a new job as assistant to the Dean of Agnes Scott College.

In March, Macon residents **Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02** and husband Brooke became homeowners. They fell in love with the back yard, which includes a large patio and koi pond. Their dog, Boone, likes the fenced-in yard, too!

Congratulations to **Chenny Gan '02**, who completed an M.M. in piano performance at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, where she studied with John Salmon. She is staying at UNCG for a second M.M. in accompanying. In February, Chenny won the

Greensboro Music Teachers' Young Artist Award for Piano. In May, Chenny traveled to San Francisco, where she gave a lecture-recital on the music of Gyorgy Ligeti. She will return to San Francisco this fall to do a presentation on Chinese Daoist Music at the annual meeting of the National College Music Society. In July, Chenny heads to Austria for five weeks to study German and vocal accompanying in Salzburg.

Erica Michelle Herrmann '02 has completed her first year in the master's program for Special Education at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

2003 (1st Reunion)

*The Class of 2003 showed why Wesleyan is "first for friends" by following their hearts back to Wesleyan to celebrate their very first Alumnae Weekend. Reunion co-chairs **Asha Smith** and **Sherrie Randall** welcomed classmates to campus, as did **Namita Mohanty**, who served as class liaison. Golden Heart talk and toasts continued at Margarita's Mexican Grill, where class members shared news about jobs and other "matters of the heart."*

Mary Barineau '03 of LaGrange, Georgia, works at The Medical Center in Columbus, Georgia, as a neonatal nurse. She received an associate degree of nursing from Tallahassee Community College in Florida, after leaving Wesleyan in 2000 to pursue a nursing degree. Mary is busy finalizing July 2004 wedding plans with fiancé Leon Brock, III of Macon. The couple will marry in Quincy, Florida, and reside in LaGrange.

Katharyn E. Hart '03 of Savannah, Georgia, has been accepted to the University of California - Davis Veterinary College for fall 2004.

Delores Burk '03 of Macon has graduated from Wesleyan, again! She received an M.B.A. in June.

Congratulations to **Jodi Miller '03**, who received an M.A. in Journalism from Columbia College Chicago in June.

Emily Neal '03 and Nicholas Duke of Centerville, Ohio, are engaged. The wedding is planned for December 18, 2004.

Cathy Hornsby Shuman '03 is pursuing a second degree in education and is studying for certification. She feels blessed to have this second opportunity to receive a degree from Wesleyan. She asks her classmates to wish her luck!

Former Conservatory student makes donation for gardens

Former Wesleyan Conservatory student Margaret Taylor Tarver has made a gift to the college for landscaping and an endowed garden fund at Wesleyan College.

"Wesleyan is a beautiful campus with beautiful buildings," said Mrs. Tarver, a Macon native and the widow of the former Associated Press Chairman and *Atlanta-Journal Constitution* publisher Jack Tarver. "I wanted to see them accentuated with gorgeous flowers."

According to Wesleyan Vice President for Institutional Advancement Susan Allen, the purpose of Mrs. Tarver's gift is actually two-fold. "Mrs. Tarver's gift will allow us to install prominent, stunning gardens across the front of the campus and to beautify the area around the campus lake (Foster Lake) with walking paths, enhancing the natural landscape of the area," Vice President Allen said. "Her generous gift will also create an endowed garden fund to keep The Margaret Tarver Gardens maintained and beautiful in perpetuity."

From hollies to azaleas, the front campus has blossomed into breathtaking gardens greatly enhancing the stately entrances to Wesleyan's Georgian-style grounds. The centerpiece of the new gardens displays a "W" outlined in dwarf hollies at the college's sign between the two main gates on Forsyth Road. Gardens have already been completed at the gate facing Tucker Road, at the corner of Tucker and Forsyth Roads, and at the two brick gates fronting Forsyth Road.

Wesleyan trustee Linda Dekle-Frost's landscaping firm, New Lawns, Inc. of Duluth, designed, landscaped, and planted all the areas comprising the Margaret Tarver Gardens. "We have enjoyed taking such a wonderful gift and helping to expand it by providing all plant materials at cost and donating our labor and design fees," Dekle-Frost said. "Wesleyan's campus was already lovely, but this additional landscaping is the 'icing on the cake.'"

The new landscaping includes an irrigation system, lighting, and all the plantings. Additional landscaping, which will include gardens and paths, will be completed around Foster Lake later this year.



Campus Calendar

New Faculty Orientation	August 9
Faculty meeting	August 12
Residence halls open for new students	August 14
Orientation of new students	August 14-17
Residence halls open for returning students	August 17
Final registration	August 17
Classes begin	August 18
Labor Day	
(offices closed, no classes)	September 6
Fall Convocation, 11:15 a.m.	September 9
Fall Break	
(offices open, no classes)	October 4, 5
Early registration for spring	October 19-22
Inauguration	November 5-7
Thanksgiving Holidays (offices closed)	November 25-26
Classes begin	November 29
Last day of classes	December 6
Reading Day	December 7
Final examinations	December 8-10
Residence halls close	December 15
Christmas holidays (offices closed)	December 24-31



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